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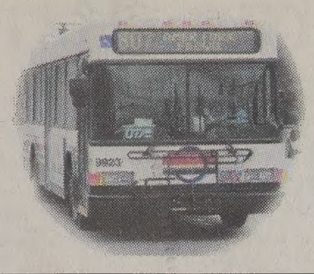

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The U.S. National DanceSport Championships find big support in Utah Valley.

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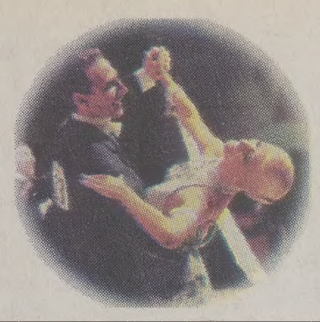

Basketball

BYU's women's basketball team beat San Diego State in the MWC tournament.

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Jim Workman drove 300 miles from his home in St. George to hear Keyes speak.

"His presentation of true governmental principles are breathtaking to hear," Workman said. "And absolutely no one in this country is saying what he's saying and his solutions are right on the money."

Keyes has repeatedly accused the media of ignoring his campaign, even though he points to polls indicating he won televised GOP presidential debates.

"I think it's a legitimate argument," said Rob Bishop, state chair of the Republican Party of Utah. "But whether it's the defining argument that determines his success or failure, I doubt it."

"The press ignores him because they're scared to death of him," Workman said. "They can't ask him the same moronic questions because he'll rip them to shreds."

Jones said that Keyes has stayed in the race because he speaks for a large group of Americans who would otherwise go unheard.

"We're deluged with mail from people saying you've got to stay in," Jones said.

He also suggested that Keyes might be continuing his campaign in hopes of becoming a vice-presidential running mate.

Keyes won seven delegates from Minnesota in Super Tuesday's primary elections and caucuses, bringing his total to 15. Frontrunner George W. Bush has 669 delegates of 1,034 needed for the Republican nomination.

Keyes said the true intent of the founding fathers was to acknowledge that Americans' freedom comes from God.

"People want all kinds of explanations for the moral decline in this country," Keyes said. "But without faith, there can be no freedom, and without God, there can be no liberty."

In his address to attendees at the McKay Events Center in Orem, he also decried the spread of abortion, and questioned the current American educational system that turns children away from the country's founding principles.

GOP presidential candidate Alan Keyes smiles at supporters Wednesday night at UVSC. Almost 4,500 people attended the rally, the largest turnout yet for an improptu Keyes rally.

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While the dogs are with a professional trainer, the dogs learn to lead a person in a straight line, to stop for changes in elevation, including curbs and stairs and to avoid obstacles and distractions, according to the official guide dog Web site on www.guide-dogs.com

By the time the dogs have finished their training, they are worth about $65,000, Staci said. This cost takes into account all the expenses of the guide dog organization and is divided up among each of the dogs being trained.

Despite the high cost of each dog, the dogs are given to the blind for free.

To ensure that the guide dog and its owner are well suited for each other, the person's lifestyle and the dog's temperament are taken into consideration, Staci said.

"Some dogs are better suited for the city or the country and some dogs are more active. They just try to place dogs with owners that would suit them the best," Staci said.

Although training guide dogs is a rigorous process, only half of the dogs are accepted to become official guide dogs. If the dogs are not accepted to become guide dogs, the trainers can choose to keep the dog, Staci said.

Most dogs are not accepted to become guide dogs because of health reasons, said Martine Savageau, a volunteer leader of Provo's guide dog training group called "A New Leash on Life."

"I don't think people are aware of what it takes to raise a puppy to become a guide dog," Savageau said. "This is a totally selfless service because people raise these dogs and grow to love them and then give them to somebody else."

Right now there are seven different families in Provo like the Langfords, who train dogs to become guides.

In four and a half months, Howie's training with Staci and Brandon will be over. Staci admits she is going to cry, but knows that Howie was bred for the purpose of helping others.

"At graduation we will meet the blind person that our dog will go to," Brandon said.

" We will see the smile on someone's face and know that their life is going to be improved by our efforts. This is more rewarding than any type of service I've ever done," he said.

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Canine trainee Lionel sits next to pal Howie in the Wilkinson Student Center, top. BYU student Brandon Langford and his wife Staci, a BYU graduate, take their four-legged friends for a walk, bottom.

Questions fielded by President Hinckley in Washington

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President Gordon B. Hinckley of The Church of Jesus Christ of Letter-day Saints answered questions at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., about Proposition 22, politics and school prayer following his remarks to journalists, government leaders and other dignitaries Wednesday.

PRESIDENT HINCKLEY

The 89-year-old leader spoke to the sold-out luncheon meeting about the role of the LDS Church in society, reading first from prepared remarks before taking questions from the audience.

The first questions referred to the

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Utah grants permission to excavate

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Utah has granted permission to continue excavation of human remains uncovered on the grounds of the Salt Lake City International Airport, said Kevin Jones, state archeologist for the antiquities section of the division of state history.

The remains have not been tested yet, but are suspected to be from the 15th or 16th century, and may be American Indian, said Barbara Gann, director of public relations for the airport.

They were discovered while the land was being prepared for construction under the 20-year expansion plan for the airport, Gann said.

"It is routine to check the land before they start development. Usually they don't come up with anything, but this time they did," Gann said.

Once the remains have been excavated, they will be tested to determine their age and ethnicity, Jones said. Physical characteristics and artifacts associated with the human remains will be examined in an attempt to discover the racial affiliation, he said.

There is the possibility that the remains might be part of an American Indian burial ground, Gann said.

Joel Janetski, BYU professor of anthropology, said that in the early 1980s, remains of around 75 Native Americans were exposed with the shrinking of the Great Salt Lake.

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Women's rights hailed in international efforts

Associated Press

GENEVA — From masked prostitutes striking in London's red light district to female activists arguing in a Kuwaiti courtroom for the right to vote, women marked International Women's Day on Wednesday mostly by taking stock of the poverty, violence and inequality that continues to afflict their gender.

Buggies, balloons and symbolic clotheslines filled the square in front of the U.N. European headquarters in Geneva, where about 2,000 women participated in a colorful procession that officially began the "World March of Women 2000." Some 3,500 local groups in 145 countries are expected to take part in different stages of the march, which will culminate in New York in October.

A group of male construction workers watched as women passed by holding a symbolic clothesline with "Stop housework" painted on a pair of trousers.

"Men are afraid women will laugh at them. Women are afraid men will kill them," read one banner held by Lisa Dempsey, an Illinois native living in Geneva.

But as songs for peace and justice floated through Switzerland, the day passed more grimly elsewhere.

Women squatted everywhere, begging in the chilly streets of Kabul, Afghanistan, where they are banned by the ruling Taliban militia from working and going to school beyond age 8. Many women lost their husbands in the long Afghan conflict but are unable to take jobs to support their families.

In honor of the holiday, the Taliban held a ceremony for women at Kabul's sole women-only hospital as Kalashnikov-wielding soldiers kept men away.

"The women were invited to talk and exchange ideas," said Taliban Deputy Information and Culture Minister Abdul Rehman Hottaq, who dismissed western criticism of the

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Gov't gives scholarships by mistake

Thirty-nine college students were mistakenly told they won government fellowships, but the U.S. Education Department has decided to give them the money anyway, an official said on Wednesday.

The mistake in the Jacob K. Javits Fellowships could cost the government up to $975,000, depending on how many accept the offer. The fellowships pay for graduate study in the arts, humanities and social sciences.

Individual awards range from $25,000 to $100,000. Congress appropriated $10 million for the program for each of the 2000-01 and 2001-02 academic years, said Erica Lepping, a department spokeswoman.

The 39 mistaken winners actually were alternates. The Chronicle of Higher Education, which first reported the story, said 138 other students were the real winners. Lepping said 1,100 to 1,300 applicants compete for the fellowship each year.

Clinton wants higher minimum wage

WASHINGTON — President Clinton rallied Democrats to support a higher minimum wage on Wednesday and vowed to veto a Republican plan that would delay the increase and link it to $122.7 billion in tax cuts.

"If Republican leaders send me a bill that makes workers wait for another year for their full pay raise and holds the minimum wage hostage for risky tax cuts that threaten our prosperity, I'll veto it," said Clinton, who hosted Cabinet members, labor and community leaders and Democratic lawmakers on the South Lawn of the White House.

"It is time to stop nickel and diming American working people out of the money that they need and deserve," the president said. "This is just wrong."

The GOP wants to enact a $1 increase over three years and couple it with $122.7 billion in tax cuts — a move that resurrects portions of the Republicans' $792 billion tax cut package that Clinton vetoed last year.

House Republicans are forging ahead with legislation to slash inheritance taxes and cut other taxes for businesses to offset the cost of raising the minimum wage.

House fire ends in shooting, 4 dead

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Firefighters responding to a house fire Wednesday were ambushed by a gunman who stepped out of the garage and opened fire, authorities said. Four people were killed and two others wounded.

A sheriff's deputy and two firefighters were shot to death, Fire Inspector Richard Sojourner said. A woman was found dead in the garage, but it was unclear how she died.

A female bystander and the gunman also were wounded, he said. Their injuries were not life-threatening.

Firefighters had been called to the home just before 1 p.m. When they arrived, witnesses said, a man came out of the garage firing a shotgun and shouting, "Get away! Get away!"

A sheriff's deputy who responded to a report of the shooting was shot as he pulled up in his patrol car, authorities said. He crashed his car through the fence. Police were not sure whether the fire was set to cover up the woman's death. Sojourner said he did not know if the suspect lived at the house.

Nintendo to issue gloves for injuries

ALBANY, N.Y. — Nintendo of America has agreed to provide protective gloves to owners of a video games blamed for cuts, blisters and other hand injuries.

The "Mario Party" game on the Nintendo 64 home game system can cause hand injury because players are encouraged to rapidly rotate a joy stick with a grooved tip, state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said on Wednesday.

Consumers report having to use the palms of their hands to rotate the joystick, he said.Nintendo agreed to provide up to four protective gloves to each household of consumers owning the video game, Spitzer said.

Nintendo spokeswoman Beth Llewelyn said the company had sold more than a million of the games since February 1999 and received about 90 complaints, none serious. Nintendo is committing $80 million for the gloves and agreed to also provide $75,000 for the cost of the attorney general's investigation, Spitzer said.

Bradley expected to drop out, endorse Vice President Gore

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bill Bradley intends to bow out of the presidential race today and endorse Vice President Al Gore who vanquished him in 16 Super Tuesday contests from coast to coast, The Associated Press learned Wednesday.

Bradley's decision marks the end of a candidacy that soared briefly but floundered when the first votes were cast in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary. It also eliminates the last shred of doubt that Gore will be the Democratic presidential nominee, and allows him to turn his attention to November with a party united behind his candidacy.

Both men praised one another in public comments Tuesday night after Gore's victories sealed Bradley's fate.

Three senior Bradley advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the former senator would leave the race today and endorse Gore at a news conference near his West Orange, N.J., headquarters. Bradley, 56, plans to stay active in public life and is not expected to rule out another presidential run, the advisers said.

His quick embrace of Gore is bound to increase speculation about Bradley as a potential running mate. Bradley himself has said he would not want the vice president's job, and a senior adviser said Wednesday there was no chance he would change his mind.

A senior Gore adviser also discounted the talk, saying the vice president's campaign would seek a running mate who would be relatively sure to win a state or two for the ticket in November.

In a contentious campaign that stretched for more than a year, Bradley questioned Gore's truthfulness and dismissed his policies as small-bore "old politics." He made it clear in recent days that he would back the party's nominee.

Bradley's options were few, and his departure assumed, after Gore swept Tuesday's voting and pivoted quickly to the general election campaign against likely GOP nominee George W. Bush.

"I'll make my plans known shortly," Bradley said after minority voters and union workers sealed Gore's shutout Tuesday in 15 states — including Missouri, where Bradley was born, and New York, where he was a basketball star.

Even as Bradley made plans to drop out, Gore was criticizing the Texas governor Wednesday on issues from gun control to Social Security.

In a signal of how he will handle one of his own thorniest issues — allegations of improper fund-raising in 1996 — Gore answered repeated questions on the subject on morning TV shows with virtually the same words: "I've learned from my mistakes," and the nation needs campaign finance reform.

Bush, in an interview broadcast Wednesday on "Good Morning America," suggested Gore's campaign-finance stance was self-serving. "He's trying to make America forget what went on in Washington, D.C., for the past eight years. Americans aren't going to forget," Bush said.

Gore easily took as much as 60 percent of the vote in the 15 contests. In a victory address that aides said would become his standard stump speech, he painted the GOP as beholden to its right wing and clearly counted on riding the strong economy to victory in November.

Wednesday, he said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the two sides should make the general election campaign one of "ideas and not insults."

He said Tuesday night that he had the know-how to continue the economic growth begun under Bill Clinton.

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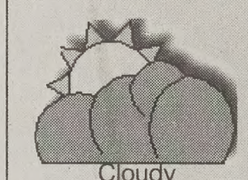
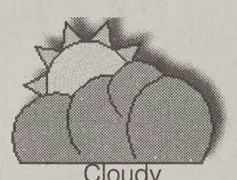
High	49 as of		
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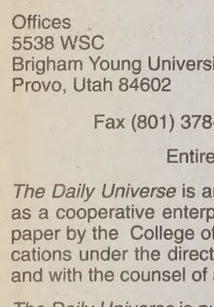
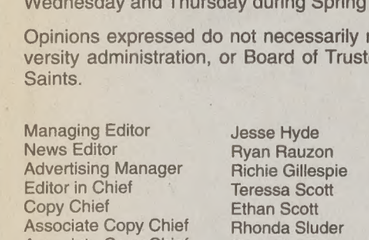


"And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday."

— Isaiah 58:10



Kimberly Henderson, 22, a senior from Provo, majoring in anthropology likes this scripture because, "it reminds me of how much need there is in the world to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us."

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health care	• Reform campaign finance	• Reform campaign finance
education		• Abolish abortion

source: campaign offices

Bradley aims at health care

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Democrat candidate Bill Bradley prioritizes campaign issues by their importance to individual lives, rather than by issues likely to get him the most votes, said his campaign chairman.

Bradley says he is committed to ending child poverty, as well establishing universal health care and campaign finance reform.

Although child poverty is not a main issue for other presidential candidates, Bradley's pledge to end it reflects integrity, said Scott Leckman, chair of the Bill Bradley for President Utah campaign.

Bradley's plan entails raising 3 million children out of poverty by the end of the next presidential term, according to the Bradley Campaign. Almost 22 percent of 13.5 million children in the United States are living in poverty.

"Today, at a time of unparalleled prosperity, I look out over a nation and I see that nearly one-fifth of our children are ill-fed, ill-housed, and ill-educated. ... This is not acceptable," Bradley said on his Web site, www.billbradley.com.

Increasing income for poor families, expanding educational programs and guaranteeing health care for all children are some of the steps he will take to reduce child poverty, Bradley said.

Beyond guaranteeing health care for children, Bradley also says he is committed to providing every citizen in the US with coverage.

"Despite our prosperity, 45 million Americans, including 11 million children, don't have health insurance ... we are not talking about the indolent or the negligent, we're talking about people you and I know," Bradley said.

Bradley's plan would allow individuals to opt for coverage under the same health care that covers federal employees. The plan would subsidize health care for low-income individuals and provide tax deductions for insurance premiums, according to the Bradley Campaign.

The Democratic presidential candidate said he would also expand Medicare and replace Medicaid with private insurance. The private insurance would maintain benefit levels required by the federal government, according to the Bradley Campaign.

Although some say that the move from Medicaid to private insurance would fail to provide optimal health care for those with serious physical disabilities, it would actually allow patients to choose better coverage, Leckman said.

Under Bradley's proposal, people would be able to choose their own health care with vouchers. Competition for the vouchers would force health care agencies to improve their services, he said.

With child poverty and health care reform at the forefront of his platform, modifying campaign finances isn't far behind, Leckman said.

Campaign contributions from special interest groups pave the way for those groups to run the government, he said.

The public must demand reform because it's difficult for some politicians to criticize the campaign finance system that got them elected, Leckman said.

"It looks so bad when Orrin Hatch flies around the country in a pharmaceutical jet and then promotes legislation to benefit pharmaceutical companies," he said.

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He also appreciates Gore's commitment to campaign finance reform, Sorensen said. Gore proposes public campaign financing so candidates can be judged on their message rather than on their ability to raise funds, he said.

"You look at candidates like George Bush. He's raised a lot of money. Somehow we equate being able to raise a lot of money with being a powerful person for the job," Sorenson said.

Gore's priorities lie in expanding economic prosperity to include everyone in the United States, said Doug Hattaway, national spokesman for Gore 2000.

"I believe our prosperity gives us not just an opportunity, but a great obligation. We must make sure that no one is consigned to be left out or left behind," Gore said on the Web site. "If we don't close the education and technology gaps that remain at a time when a new economy is sweeping the globe, then the opportunity gaps of today will become the economic canyons in the 21st Century."

Education is a key way to extend America's prosperity to all citizens, Gore said.

"Education is the greatest anti-poverty program, the most powerful anti-discrimination strategy we could ever have," he said.

Gore's educational plan includes making pre-school available to every child, improving teacher quality and adopting a new focus on discipline, character, values, safety and parental involvement, according to the Web site.

In addition to improving education, Gore's plan to expand health care will help extend America's prosperity to all, Hattaway said.

"We need to fix our health care system, so that no one falls through the gaps," Gore said on the Web site. "We must help all Americans get the quality health care they need, when they need it."

Unlike Bradley, who has proposed eliminating Medicaid and making use of the private sector to provide health care for low-income families, Gore said he would strengthen Medicaid to insure appropriate care for the disabled, Hattaway said.

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Economic nationalism is necessary to protect American blue-collar workers, Buchanan said.

"To those who call me a protectionist, I say without apology: I will use the trade laws of this country and my authority as president to protect the jobs of American workers," he said.

Buchanan said he would protect American jobs by pushing for reciprocal trade agreements with other nations and by increasing tariffs, according to the Buchanan Reform campaign.

Immigration reform is another unique plank on Buchanan's platform.

"This year, 1.3 million more immigrants will pour into the U.S. — 400,000 of them illegal aliens. If America is to survive as 'one nation,' we must take an immigration 'time out' to mend the melting pot," Buchanan said.

He said he would stop illegal immigration, reduce legal immigration and support a national campaign to educate immigrants on American culture and the English language, according to the Buchanan Reform Web site www.buchananreform.org.

Wayne Wolsey, Utah Reform Party spokesperson, said Buchanan's views on immigration come from the exploitation of legal and illegal immigrants who are unprepared to participate in American society.

Buchanan's stand on campaign reform is intended to reduce another kind of exploitation — outside interests that control elections with large campaign contributions.

To reduce this influence, Buchanan supports limiting campaign contributions from outside the district to 25 percent, according to the Buchanan Reform Web site.

He also said Buchanan would bar corporations from contributing to election campaigns.

"Corporations don't have a vote in the election, so they should not have any right to vote by giving money to a candidate or party," Schafer said.

Buchanan takes an equally strong stance on his commitment to end abortion. If elected president, he would appoint only pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, according to the Buchanan Reform Web site.

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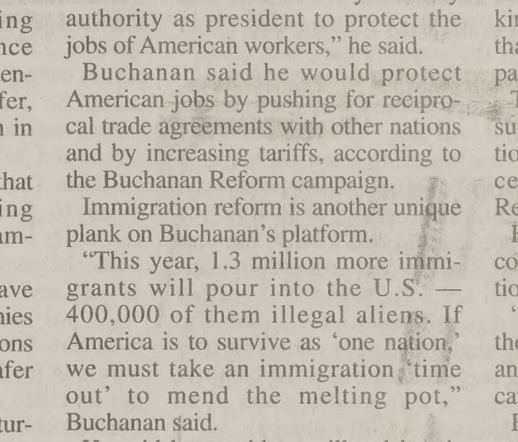
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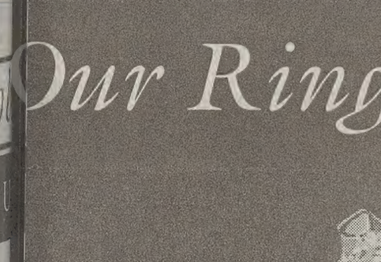
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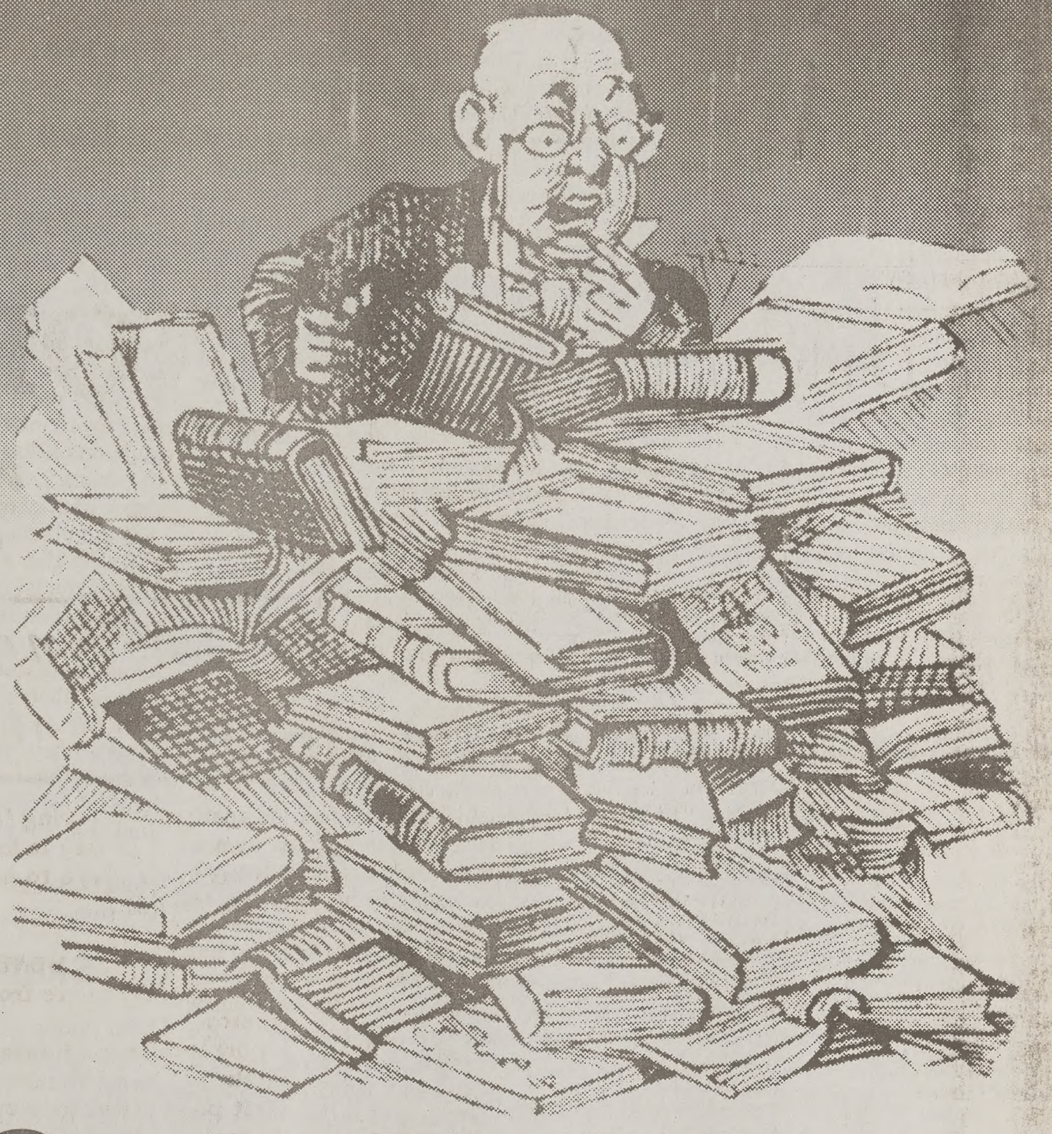
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OPINION

Lost in the shadows

Every vote counts. One vote can make a difference. These cliché phrases that run rampant in campaign season have just been thrown out the window.

Super Tuesday has come and gone, leaving the upcoming Western States Primary in the dust. Sixteen states went to the polls to contribute their vote to the voices that have already been heard — and that have practically decided the national outcome before Utahns get their say.

The long list of campaign drop-outs is expected to take on one more. CNN reported on Wednesday that Bill Bradley is expected to drop out of the race today, a fate Utah voters did not get the opportunity to have a say in. Bradley supporters must either vote for Gore or switch this ballot's support to the Republican Party. Being on the tail-end of the "important primaries," Utah is receiving the brunt of decisions made in other states.

But Utah should be used to getting lost in the shuffle — it has never really been taken seriously. Candidates often focus their energy on the larger primaries, then sometimes, almost in hindsight, breeze into the state for a brief speech and breeze out. Alan Keyes addressed Utahns on Wednesday and George W. Bush is expected to give a speech today, a common practice among candidates trying to woo voters at the last minute. McCain and Gore do not have plans to visit Utah at all. How well will these fast-moving politicians really come to know the issues Utahns are concerned with in their often less than one day visits?

Gov. Mike Leavitt has pushed for the establishment of a regional primary, to give regional issues more clout. But unfortunately, the combined effort will still be overshadowed not only by Super Tuesday, but other early high-profile campaign states like Iowa and New Hampshire.

A uniform, single-day national primary would give Utahns' votes as much immediacy as the rest of the nation, but would diffuse Utah concerns even more while competing for attention among all 50 states. Moving the primary earlier in the campaign season would alleviate some of the problem. But even if this did happen, Utahns should not expect huge results, and other states at the tail-end would be lost in the same political game Utah has been playing for years. For now, the best alternative is to move the primary earlier in the campaign season. While it will not have a huge impact, at least Utahns' votes may still be cast early enough to matter.

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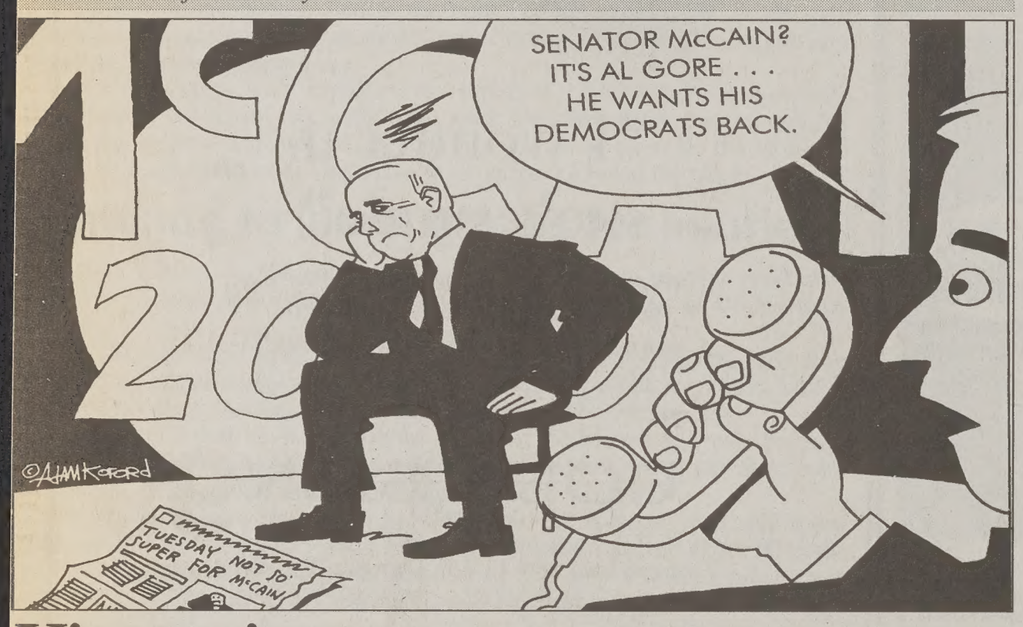

Viewpoint

Transportation troubles?

Not a day goes by when we don't hear about parking and traffic problems at BYU. Students would like more parking spaces around campus. Provo City would like fewer cars parked along city streets and less traffic crowding the roads. The EPA wants pollution levels caused by vehicles to drop significantly in Utah County. The Utah Transit Authority would like to increase its ridership and profitability. So many different interests seem to prevent anyone from coming out ahead, or do they?

By Eric Perry and Sharon Varga
BYUSA president and vice president

Many students choose not to use public transit in Utah County for a number of reasons. Some examples include the fact that buses don't run on routes that students need, buses don't run often enough to justify the wait and bus fares are economically restrictive.

Throughout this year, BYU has worked with UTA to represent student interests with the system. UTA has studied riders and non-riders and found that shorter travel times, on-time buses and lower fares were the primary desires of those interviewed. As a result of this study a new route system has been designed that takes into account what matters to potential clients. UTA has designed the system recognizing that students form the largest percentage of their rider market. The hub of the new system will be located at the Wilkinson Student Center and a majority of the routes will pass by on East Campus Drive. This system will be fully implemented starting in August in anticipation of fall semesters at BYU and UVSC.

Another idea is to procure a semester-based pass that students can buy at a significant discount from current student rates. This pass could be renewed each semester, and would allow students to access UTA service anywhere in Utah County.

The entirety of this new system will be presented for input today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the WSC Terrace. Officials from UTA will explain the new routes and solicit student feedback on the system. Representatives from BYUSA will also be present to find out more of students' ideas about the discounted semester pass. The format will be open and students may come and go as they please. We strongly encourage you to attend and to participate so your suggestions, as a part of the Provo community, can be taken into account and acted upon.

'God's Army' not the 'real story'

As a returned missionary and teacher of new missionaries, I was thrilled to hear about the new film "God's Army" that was to show the world the miracle of missionary work. When my husband, a seminary teacher, was invited to see its premiere viewing last Saturday, I naturally jumped at the chance to watch a full-length motion picture on a topic so intertwined with my life. Not even able to stomach the entire show, I walked out of the theater nauseated and completely devastated.

By Emily Halverson
Special to The Daily Universe

The film reviews I had read emphasized the intent of film director Richard Dutcher to "tell the real story," yet leaving the theater, I offered a desperate prayer that my non-LDS friends would never have the chance to see that movie.

Herein lies the age-old conflict of wanting to describe something which is of God to the world and yet, antithetically, "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1Corinthians 2:13-14).

Dutcher's attempts to implement both the "world's wisdom" and the Spirit were unsuccessful. The techniques he used to connect with today's audience instead served to weaken the integrity of the very truth he attempted to share. Dutcher attempts to musically enhance each scene with rock or alternative music — a sound the world can identify with, yet in doing so, fails in teaching a reality that is extremely spiritual in nature.

The music, however unfitting, was minimal in its damage compared to the plot. We are affronted with a "misfit" cast. An elder obsessed with reading anti-Mormon literature, another unfocused elder who drools over a local waitress, and the main character is weak in his faith and yet strong in his attraction to the local hookers. Even the supposedly more spiritual elder comes off as self-righteous and severely lacking in charity. Since when do we emphasize the exception over the rule when depicting "the real story"? If that was "God's Army," the enemy must be laughing. I might go away from this film thinking I better relate to the missionaries, however, I am not sure that I would trust them to come into my home, as one sent from God, to share a message.

The choice Dutcher made in what to tell about a missionary's life only gets worse as he mixes conflicting images of missionaries taking pictures of each other on the toilet in one scene and then giving a sacred priesthood blessing in the next. Admittedly there are missionaries out there that lamentably have not caught the vision of who they really are, and their behavior shows it. Yet this is not the "real story" of a missionary and should have never been put into a film available to the whole world — many for whom this will be their first contact with the church.

This film mocked the sacredness of what I, and so many other missionaries, have given. It re-words the mission into something the world will feel comfortable with and yet loses its worth in the translation. It desecrates every sacred aspect of what it truly means to represent Jesus Christ.

Emily is a junior from Penryn, Calif., majoring in English.

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Enough gun control

Dear Editor:

Many people have called for gun control measures like trigger locks, gun lock-ups and other things. These are proposed mostly as a response to occurrences such as in Mount Morris, Columbine, or other similar situations. These gun-control measures would not correct any problem.

What many people are forgetting is that most of the guns involved in problems such as these are not legally owned. The gun obtained by the 6-year-old in Michigan was a stolen weapon. I heard people wonder why there was no lock on the gun. Even if that were the law, there would have been no lock on it.

I do admit that there is a problem in this country with guns and violence. The ideal answer would be to have two strong, involved parents in the home. The absence of either parent in an active role is the downfall of any society. However, I do understand that this will probably not happen. So, what should be done?

There are plenty of gun-control laws already on the books, however, most of these are not actively enforced. When a crime is committed, these laws are invoked. But, if we were to have strong enforcement of these laws, we would have fewer problems. Most criminals would not commit the crimes if they knew they would be caught.

Additional laws are unnecessary. There are enough laws. All that needs to happen is much better enforcement.

Brian Mott
Provo

Gun control a sham

Dear Editor:

I am appalled. Tuesday's viewpoint that reprimanded the legislature outraged me. I'm tired of hearing the same stupid argument over and over again.

Gun control is a sham. It doesn't work because the laws are aimed at law-abiding citizens. Those who commit violent crime with guns get them illegally anyway. The gun the 6-year-old in Michigan used was stolen. Plus, gun control has been increasing for years, and the crime rate has only gone up. Is this evidence of effective legislation?

Stop belittling groups like the NRA. They support the views of a great number of Utahns, including my own. If you support gun control, maybe you should take a look at church history. The Saints were unable to avoid being forced out of Missouri and Illinois because their guns had been taken away. That was one of the first things the mobs did: remove their means of defending themselves. Without that means, they had no choice but to flee before those intent on denying then their constitutional rights.

Robert Bush
Overton, Nev.

Skate park needed

Dear Editor:

I was skateboarding a couple days ago with some friends and a campus police officer pulled up to the curb and stopped me. He reinformed me that skateboarding is not allowed on campus. I clearly understand skateboarding is not allowed, but I don't see any alternative locations to skate. There are off-campus skateparks, but they are hours away, especially if you don't own a car. And for all the skateboarding students I have met so far, most do not own a car or have access to one. The proposition I am aiming for is the construction of a skate-park on campus. This would eliminate any problems campus police have with on-campus skateboarders and give the campus itself a more diverse panorama.

Skaters would be attracted to a park, a more desirable place for skateboarding, they would also remain in the park. That means no on-campus skateboarding to worry about. I have met many skateboarders and rollerbladers here on campus, and am sure they would all encourage such an edifice.

I, for one, enjoy skateboarding as a hobby, nothing more, and would greatly appreciate any attention given to the establishment of a skate-park.

Jared White
San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

A little consideration

Dear Editor:

I am one of those students that likes to study on campus because I concentrate better when I'm away from the distractions of home. One of my favorite places to study is the Tanner building commons. It's nice there – an open atmosphere, running water fountains, comfortable lighting, sufficient laptop connections and the presence of fellow students.

Recently, while reading at one of the tables in the Tanner building, someone sat down at the same table. This was no bother, after all it's everybody's table. A few minutes later, another student sat down with the first — once again, no problem. However, shortly thereafter they began a conversation apparently about a class project they were working on. After a few minutes of being distracted by their conversation, I had to pack up my books and computer and go elsewhere. I could not concentrate on what I was reading because of their conversation.

My concern is not with the fact that people talk in these common areas, rather, my concern is the lack of common courtesy I was shown. It was as if I didn't even exist. I was crowded out of the table by their inconsiderate manner.

Most students are polite when it comes to public areas and will ask, "Do you mind if I sit here?" before planting themselves at a table, and perhaps this isn't even necessary. But I suggest it is appropriate to take notice of those that are reading and choose another table or at least inquire if a group conversation is going to be a disturbance. I realize these public areas are everyone's space, I'm just suggesting that a little common courtesy will go a long way toward everyone's enjoyment of such spaces and prevent some of us from being forced into a stuffy library.

David J. Crockett
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Plight of dateless men

Dear Editor:

With Spring Preference fresh in the air I can hardly sleep. Just the mere mention of the word "Preference" sends chills down my spine. I am now noticing things I have never noticed before — birds singing in the early spring morning, animals frolicking on the side of I-15, stop lights. This weekend is going to be so dreamy, except for one problem — no date.

Preference is one of the few times a woman can be politically correct and ask a man out. I am still waiting for the call that never came. At first I thought, "Well maybe it's just me." But the majority of guys are in the same sinking boat. We are in the 21st century now, it is one of equal rights, right? Are men not entitled to these rights also? Don't we get to be flattered once in while and have something juicy to tell mom and dad on Sunday night? Are we not worth the 20 or so bucks?

Let's examine the "typical" weekend of BYU women. Last weekend for instance, as I was driving out of my apartment complex, I heard a whimpering voice say, "I never get asked out, especially not by Mr. Right."

Well, for all you women out there who have had enough, ask yourself if you are willing to help bear part of the burden to find your soul mate. Here is your chance to show us how shallow you aren't. Now is the perfect opportunity to ask out that great man or maybe that man who didn't make the cuts for the "GQ Wall of Fame" on the fridge. We're worth it aren't we?

Brad Hope
Mission Viejo, Calif.

Pearls before swi

Dear Editor:

By now, probably most of us o have heard about the upcoming film director Richard Dutcher calle Army," a full-length film about an sionary's "spiritual journey" in "an world." Call me apostate, but I do n go see it, and I think we should all t before flocking as a Zion people to ets.

I have seen the trailer for th (www.called2serve.com) and hav some well-founded speculations, a have not seen the whole movie.

The movie is made to be entert most movies are. There is a scene elder slams another man into a another scene where an elder thro table in his apartment. It also reveal innuendoes between an elder and a sionary. In a particular scene, their ions are nowhere to be found. Is this sionaries really do things? I think we a little more reverence for the sacr of a representative of the Lord.

What really bothered me was tha shows a priesthood blessing being tered to a sick man. Is this not cast before swine? The power to act in G should be treated most sacred. Why sacred ordinance have to show up screen at a public theater?

I think Dutcher has good intentio trying to show the world what mi are really like. In a Daily Universe week, he said the movie can be a sionary tool, while at the same tim "it is not made for them," referrin members, but it is for an LDS audie movie is for Latter-day Saints, why out on video and sell it at Deseret B must he combine Hollywood and the

The actions of real missionaries a world can speak for themselves.

Brett A. Spjut
Lewisville, Texas

Learning more impo

Dear Editor:

There is a difference between in and learning. I started college by intelligent. I was there for the grad learn. I would do anything to get memorize, stay up late looking f details in a book, or write a paper in knew the teacher would give me a But I don't know how much of the remembered, or if I felt it applied.

But over the last two years, and recently, I have started to learn. I not to care so much about the grad as I am about what I'm learning. so relative, depending on the prof course and the time of day. I wish not count so much, and I do not should. People should not be cla how much they can memorize, GPA is or how successful a busin they will get in to.

I'm grateful to the teachers who about me and what I was learn despite the "publish or perish" and dents can't all get A's" pressures, ha to help me succeed.

There is more to the world than how much money we can make. Ta learn, not just to memorize. Profes time to make the classroom a plac ing, instead of a place of memori weeding out. Think how much world will be with BYU gradu learned more than just how to get th

Jennifer Stinnett
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LU: stats could gauge profiling

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"We don't care about what race he or she is," said Capt. Keith Teuscher of the Provo Police Department.

"If they broke the law, then we're going to charge them."

Teuscher also said the police look at the car and speed, not who is driving.

Sen. Pete Suazo, D-Salt Lake, disagreed with the notion that police never consider race.

According to a report last year by The Salt Lake Tribune, Latinos were pulled three times more often than most other groups in Salt Lake City, Suazo said.

If the bill had passed, then police could discover whether a pattern of stopping minorities really existed, Suazo said.

"The high level of distrust between minorities and police would have also been dispelled if this bill had passed," Suazo said.

Despite the bill's failure, Salt Lake City police implemented the tracking system into their program, said Bill Shelton, assistant chief of the department

"All we have are stories by people without numbers," Shelton said.

"We don't think we have a systematic problem with racial profiling, but there is no way to prove that."

Salt Lake Police felt keeping track of race statistics was the only way to deal with the concern that certain minorities are pulled over excessively, Shelton said.

The ACLU and other civil rights groups hope other police departments will follow the lead of the Salt Lake Police Department.

"This is simply to see if profiling is as serious of a problem in Utah as some groups think it is," Gnade said.

Lt. Bruce Wilkins, a detective for Orem police, said the tracking would not improve anything and could make the matter worse.

"It offends people if we ask them what race they belong to, and the situation could get volatile," Wilkins said. "It will be harder for the officer to do his or her job."

"If you were a magazine salesperson and you asked someone what their race was, what would you think?" Teuscher said.

Gnade agreed that the police should not ask what race a person belongs to.

"The Salt Lake police don't ask what race they are," Gnade said.

"They put the information of everyone they stop in the computer and put what their perception is of a person," he said.

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When asked about the issue of school prayer, President Hinckley said he would prefer not to comment, but said that individuals need to "talk with God" in their private lives.

One questioner asked what President Hinckley hoped to accomplish with his new book, "Standing for Something."

He replied that the book was not about theology, but about virtues and values that are part of theology. He said he hoped to reach to readers who are not LDS Church members.

When questioned about his secret to good health, President Hinckley said he never used alcohol or tobacco.

"But the one rule I always follow is go to bed every night and be sure you get up in the morning," he said to laughter from the audience.

He spoke enthusiastically about church education, especially BYU.

"Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, is our crown jewel," he said, noting that 17 current members of Congress are BYU graduates.

He also spoke at length regarding church efforts to provide educational opportunities in developing nations.

"Small amounts are loaned to those for whom $100 or $200 or $300 can spell an actual change in their future," he said.

He compared such efforts to the Perpetual Emigration Fund used in the 1800s to make loans supporting immigration to Utah.

He said the church is now developing what he called "a perpetual education fund."

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ear a vast number of young girls are mutilated, battered to death, burned alive, raped, trafficked for domestic or sexual purposes, primarily because they are female," Amnesty said.

UNICEF said that "honor crimes" — an ancient practice in which men kill female relatives because of suspected sexual activity outside marriage — were increasing.

"For too long men have been getting away with murder," said the executive-director of the U.N. Children's Fund, Carol Bellamy.

In Japan, one in 20 married women said they had suffered life-threatening abuse from their husbands and almost one in five said they had been forced into sexual acts against their will, according to a government survey.

Russian men thronged to buy daffodils and roses for their wives, mothers and girlfriends to mark a holiday that began as a day of struggle for equal rights for women.

3 more temple dedications to bring spring total to 14

By JOE HOLLENBAUGH
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NewsNet Staff Writer

The blizzard of new temple dedications intensified last week as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced three additional temple dedications this spring for the church.

An avalanche of new temple activity has cascaded across the world, with five open houses, three dedications and three new announced dedications in the past three weeks.

Open houses took place Feb. 29-March 4 at the Tuxtla Gutierrez Mexico Temple and the Oaxaca Mexico Temple.

The Tuxtla Gutierrez temple will be dedicated on Saturday and the Oaxaca temple Sunday.

LDS Church spokeswoman Kim Farah confirmed official dedication dates for the Medford Oregon Temple, April 16; the Memphis Tennessee Temple, April 23 and the Nashville Tennessee Temple, May 21.

The newly announced dedications bring the official total of temple dedications scheduled for this spring to 14.

In comparison, the LDS Church needed 142 years to bring its first 14 temples into operation.

Temples that have already been dedicated this year in St. Paul, Minn.; Kona, Hawaii; Cuidad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico and Albuquerque, N.M.

Other upcoming dedications this spring are scheduled for Louisville, Ky., March 19; Tampico, Mexico, March 25; Palmyra, N.Y., April 6 and Fresno, Calif., April 9.

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UTA seeks student input

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Representatives from the Utah Transit Authority will be on campus today to discuss newly proposed routes designed to match student needs.

The open house is today from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the WSC Terrace. BYUSA invites all students to attend the informal gathering where they can view maps and charts of the proposed plans and give their input.

The new routes the result from decreasing UTA ridership within Utah County and a constant need for public transportation that better matches the student lifestyle.

"The new routes create a win-win situation for BYU students and the UTA. Parking problems and heavy traffic problems will be reduced and UTA ridership will increase," said Bill Brady, president-elect of BYUSA.

After noticing a four-year downhill trend in Utah County ridership, the UTA concluded that catering to students was the best solution.

"We did a year of research and realized that nearly half our Utah County riders were BYU and UVSC students. And we realized students use the bus for other things besides just school," said Bart Dean, UTA transit planner.

As part of the new routes, BYU will become one of five major transfer points in Utah County.

"The bottom line is that BYU will have greater and more frequent service than ever before. Students should be able to catch a bus from BYU every 10 to 15 minutes," Dean said.

Eric Perry, president of BYUSA, has been instrumental in working with the UTA to ensure that the student voice is considered.

Perry invited the UTA to campus today to discuss its new plans with students.

Perry said marketing the idea to students may be difficult, however, because most students in the area are not public transit-minded.

A UTA bus drives on Campus Drive on Feb. 15. Representatives from UTA will be on campus today in the Wilkinson Student Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss proposed changes in routes.

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Students told census 2000 participation a civic obligation

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BYU students represent different states and countries, but all students need to be counted in Provo's census as a part of the U.S. Census 2000.

The U.S. Constitution requires a census of the United States be taken every 10 years and everyone living in the United States on April 1 needs to be counted.

A major reason students should participate in the census is because accurate counts are needed to distribute government funds, said Vern Keeslar, a long-range planner for Provo City.

He said the census helps communities like Provo receive their fair share of money for highways, schools, health facilities and many other social programs.

"It is estimated that about 160 dollars will be given for federal programs per person per year," Keeslar said.

To motivate students to participate in the census, city census officials are working with student leadership organizations at BYU and UVSC, Keeslar said.

"It is our civic responsibility to establish good community relations with Provo by participating in the census," said Danny Olsen, university director for assessment.

On March 15, students living in dormitories, apartments and houses will be mailed a census questionnaire which will ask for information about each person's name, sex, age, race, relationship and housing situation.

Before the census questionnaires are mailed, students will receive a letter from President Merrill J. Bateman through their Route Y accounts reminding them of the importance of census participation, Olsen said.

All students, regardless of where they are from, are counted where they attend school or live on April 1, according to the Bureau of the Census.

"This is a critical time period for students to become aware and participate in the census because they must respond to the census before they leave for the summer," Olsen said.

The last census taken in 1990 received a participation rate of 64 percent from Provo's population, Keeslar said.

"Provo is a little more aggressive about promoting the census this year so citizens understand that they will get a positive return on their investment," Olsen said.

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints signed a letter that was read to congregations on March 5 urging members of the church to respond promptly to the census.

This year the Census Bureau is allowing up to 100 million citizens to file their census forms online.

The site is at http://www.2000-.censusgov./2k/recform.html.

VISTA reports student parking gripes

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Members of the BYU community disagree with some traffic regulations and policies, according to the VISTA project, a student needs assessment survey conducted under the direction of President Merrill J. Bateman.

Students say there is a major shortage of parking spaces for students, faculty, visitors and alumni, according to the VISTA report.

Students also said in the report they spend too much time looking for parking and think there is inadequate parking for the disabled.

Other members of the BYU community said visitors and alumni need closer parking.

Students also expressed concern in the report that they cannot park near the Bookstore and other popular areas.

"Students would park on top of the ASB if they could," said Lt. Aaron Rhoades, managing director for Traffic Services and Building Security.

Students said they think the number of motorcycles and bike facilities are inadequate, according to the VISTA study.

"We have put in over 5,000 new parking spaces for bicycles in the last few years. There should be enough parking," Rhoades said.

BYU wants to explore alternatives to solve the parking problems, Rhoades said.

"We are always trying to improve," said Rhoades. "We have a Traffic Committee meeting once a month to discuss problems. Student and faculty representatives suggest problems to be voted on with us."

One of the suggestions to the VISTA committee is the creation of a multi-level underground parking structure.

Another suggestion is getting a campus transportation system. Students said they would park at the stadium if they could catch a shuttle to campus.

"For both of these ideas, the cost is very high. We have used as much parking that is available. As the university continues to grow, we will probably lose more and more of our parking lots. The cost outweighs the benefits," Rhoades said.

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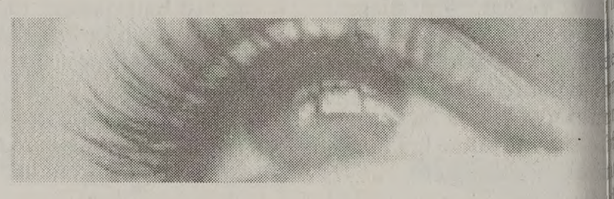

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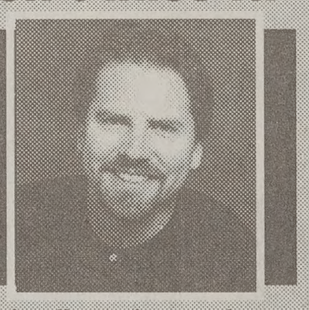

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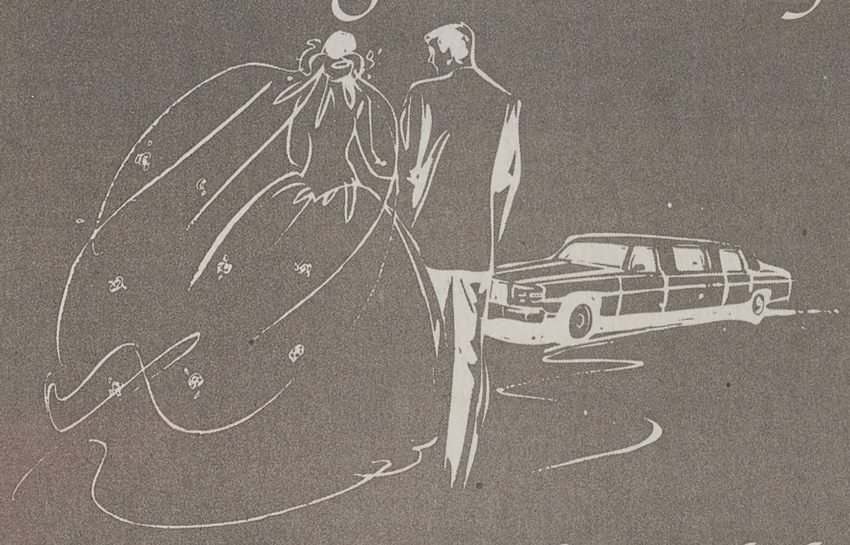

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demics, marriage has favor over the last 20 years. Most of the world is looking to BYU to promote marriage," Hawkins said.

The conference will feature a wide variety of speakers, with more than 20 different social and legal experts gathering at BYU.

These speakers will be discussing a myriad of topics from same-sex marriages and cohabitation to family policy in both the United States and Europe.

"We have a stellar cast joining together to promote and support the institution of marriage. Though most of the speakers are being drawn from academics across the United States, one lecturer is traveling a great distance, from Eastern Europe, to take part in the conference," Hawkins said.

Petar Sarcevic of Croatia, president of the International Society of Family Law, is one of the high profile attendees.

According to the Family Studies Center, he has taught law at various universities throughout Croatia and is considered a leader in the field of family law.

Starting today through Saturday, the scholars will be discussing why marriage is vital to the welfare of society and how to revitalize and strengthen the institution of marriage for the 21st century, Hawkins said.

Though other conferences defending marriage have taken place, this conference is unique because it is multidisciplinary. The conference will be a blend of social scientists as well as legal experts.

"By stimulating direct interchange between legal scholars and social scientists, we hope to put marriage in a new perspective," Hawkins said.

The conference will begin Thursday afternoon and will run through Saturday afternoon.

Those interested in attending can contact the Family Studies Center for more information.

Runners set to fight cancer Saturday

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BYU no longer has Homecoming Queens. But Y Days have been and will always be a part of the BYU experience. While some campus traditions come and go, others will live long enough to see new traditions take root in the campus soil. The Fifth Annual 5k Rex Lee Run is one of those.

Named after the past BYU president, the Rex Lee Run is in memorial of the man whose life was taken by Lymph cancer in 1996.

Brian Baker, head of Public Relations for the BYU Cancer Awareness Group, said the event was inspired by the former BYU president to raise funds in an effort to help find cures for cancer through research. Baker said all proceeds from the event go directly to cancer research while helping those without cancer at the same time.

"Not only will the runners be supporting a terrific cause," Baker said, "but they'll be running for their own health and vitality. They'll feel good, they'll have fun."

This year the largest campus race is scheduled for Saturday. All students are invited to participate and will be rewarded with free massages, food, raffle prizes and awards for the speedy at the end of the race.

A new dimension to this year's run is the "Honor a Cancer Fighter" donation. Members of the community are invited to make a $5 donation and have a runner wear a certificate in honor of a friend or family member who has suffered from cancer.

Dr. Daniel Simmons from the Cancer Research Center said he got the idea when he was in Washington D.C.

While he and his family were on a walk outside near the Washington Monument he noticed something.

"Everyone was heading in the direction of the monument. It turned out they were assembling for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Research Run," Simmons said.

Simmons said he saw many of the runners wearing small placards on their backs, celebrating the lives of the individual cancer victims or survivors.

"I thought this would be a tremendous way to add to the significance of our run for members of the community," he said.

Simmons said he was moved by a pair of runners in the race.

"A young father and little boy, who were both participating in the run, were each wearing a tribute to their wife and mother who had died of breast cancer."

Registration booths will be set up around campus this week to register for the race. Registration will be Saturday at 8:00 a.m., one hour before the race starts at the Smith Fieldhouse at BYU. To obtain an "Honor a Cancer Fighter" form or to register for the Rex Lee Run, students can call the BYU Cancer Research Center at 378-3913 or check online at http://www.cag.clubs.byu.edu.

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This is why physicians are becoming more restrictive in their use of antibiotics. The Streptococcal infections, which occasionally cause a sore throat, are bacterial and antibiotics are then indicated.

In other words, the treatment with antibiotics depends upon the type of infection and should never be used just because the person is ill.

Typically, further tests with viral infections does not prevent the further development of viral conditions such as bronchitis or pneumonia.

Most infections occurring in life are viral infections. Viruses are ultrasmall particles that cannot reproduce outside of a cell. They can only reproduce by using proteins or amino acids which are in cells.

Therefore, viruses are unaffected by antibiotics. They can produce symptoms from a runny nose and vomiting to diarrhea and skin rashes, not to mention eye and ear infections. They even occasionally produce more serious conditions such as meningitis, myocarditis or hepatitis.

Fortunately, these illnesses are uncommon. (In college students, only three to five percent of sore throats are due to strep bacterial infections, which can be easily determined with a 20-minute throat swab test).

Viral infections will produce symptoms, run their course and the patient will return to good health without serious consequences.

Antibiotics are not indicated since the virus will not be affected by the medication and the patient runs an additional risk of side effects from the antibiotic.

Sometimes the side effects of the antibiotic are worse than the viral illness.

Hence, don't be surprised if your next visit to a physician for cold or flu symptom does not result in being given antibiotics.

This weekly article from the Health Center features health issues pertinent to the seasons and situations that effect student health. If you have questions or suggestions about preventative care, treatments and other health issues, email the Health Center at health-web@byu.edu

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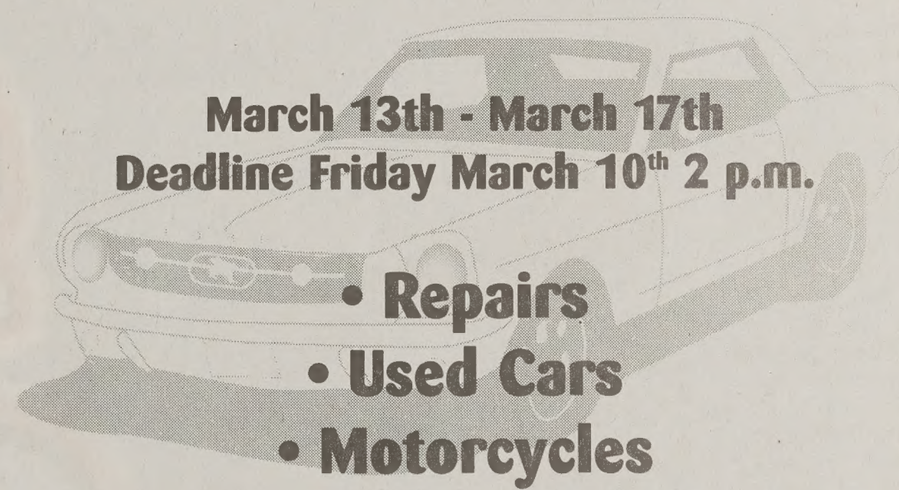

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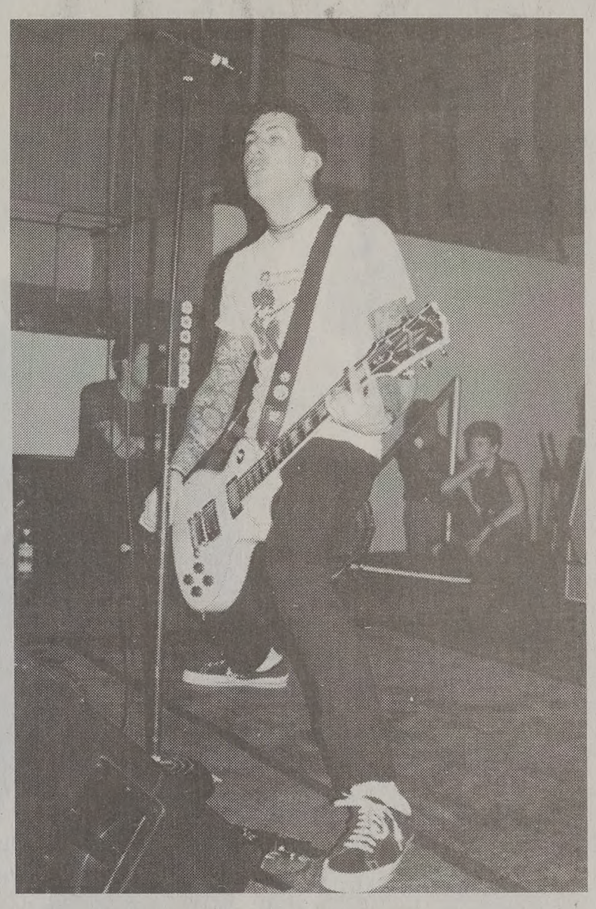

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They somersaulted through an ocean of arms, like food traveling over thousands of ants. They could see the stage, their idols just feet away, mouthing the words of "Chick Magnet." And then they dropped.

Luckily, when these female crowd-surfers came to the end of their hitchhiking adventure, bouncers were there to catch them.

With their hands in punk-rock form, they exited to repeat their display of adolescent rebellion.

Losing shoes, getting bruised and being kicked in the head are all war wounds — proof that these witnesses were just feet away from MxPx.

The Seattle-area band played at the Utah State Fairgrounds on Friday night with Divit and No Motiv.

The band, known previously as Magnified Plaid, is singer-bassist Mike Herrera, guitarist Tom Wisniewski and drummer Yuri Ruley.

They have been pelted with pocket change, received eccentric fan letters from infatuated girls and watched injured fans leave in ambulances.

"It happens," Wisniewski said.

He said one of their most bizarre shows was Saturday night in St. George. Wisniewski said they were playing in a club that was on the second floor, above a laser tag facility. The building was evacuated because the floor was flexing, he said.

Wisniewski said the wooden beans were cracked in half and the floor was permanently indented.

The mayor spoke to the chief of police, convincing him that they had to let the band play or 1,000 kids would start a riot, Wisniewski said.

His advice to all of those punk-rock fiends who want to start a band is simple.

"Practice, practice, practice," he said.

The band started playing together during high school in Bremerton, Wash.

When Wisniewski was a senior in high school, his teacher asked him to read his five-year plan in front of the class. He said he wanted to graduate, be in a band and go on tour. "My teacher said, 'OK, so you want to be a loser,'" Wisniewski said.

Lake to host FanFest 2000

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... speak in a question- ... setting at noon and at ...y. He will sign auto-graphs between discussions," McGregor said.

Tickets for Takei's discussions are on a "first come, first serve" basis and can be purchased at FanFest 2000, she said.

According to the news release, the first day of the event will culminate in a celebrity auction to benefit the Adoption Exchange. The items auctioned will range from recognizable TV objects to autographed film, TV and sports-figure memorabilia.

Other celebrities attending FanFest 2000 are: Frank Gorshin, who played the Riddler in the original "Batman"; Don Shanks, who played Michael Myers in "Halloween V"; Mike Lookinland, who was Bobby Brady in "The Brady Bunch"; Joe Estevez, whose best films include "Soultaker" and "Werewolf"; and Todd Bridges of TV's "Different Strokes."

Shanks said there have always been opportunities in Utah for filmmakers.

"Outside of Los Angeles and New York City, Utah is the third biggest film industry," Shanks said.

Shanks has worked as an actor and a stuntman with several big name actors including Jim Carey and Jeff Daniels in "Dumb and Dumber."

"I did doubles for both Jim and Jeff in Dumb and Dumber," Shanks said. "I just enjoy working — whether it's stunting or acting."

Estevez, who has been acting for more than 25 years, comes from a long line of famous actors in his family. His brother is Martin Sheen and his nephews are Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez. He said he thanks God every day for being an actor.

"I love the magic and ambiance of the theater. Film is an incredible art in and of itself," Estevez said. "For 25 years I have been making a living doing something I just love."

Estevez said he did not see his first play until he was a junior in high school. He said he auditioned for the next school play and got the lead role.

"I knew at that time that this is what I wanted to do the rest of my life," Estevez said.

Tickets for FanFest 2000 are available through Smith's TIX and can be purchased at any Smith's location or by calling 1-800-888-TIXX.

Weekend

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"The Importance of Being Ernest" will be presented at the Valley Center Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. through March 25. Tickets cost $5. For reservations call 785-1186. 780 N 200 East, Lindon.

The Blue Dogs will perform at The Dead Goat Saloon in Salt Lake City.

The Garrens Comedy Troupe will perform at 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in 3380 WSC. Tickets cost $5 at the door.

Shanahy will perform at The Great Salt Lake Guitar Company in Provo. For information call (435) 375-4435. Tickets are $5 for students. 362 W. Center.

Saturday
The Suicide Machines and No Doubt will perform at All American Skate in Las Vegas.

Monday
Richmond Fontaine will perform at the Hog Wallow in Salt Lake City.

Wednesday
BYU Cougarette Showcase will perform through March 18 at 7:30 p.m. They will also perform a Saturday matinee the 18 at 2 p.m. The performances will take place in 166 RB. Tickets can be purchased from 1-4 p.m. in 165 RB for $6 or by calling 378-5859.

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David Wells and Jennifer Shepherd perform the routine that won them the U.S. National Amateur Cabaret Champions title. The U.S. National DanceSport Championships will return to BYU this week.

Photo courtesy of the BYU Ballroom Dance Company

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

Dance championship waltzes onto campus

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Swirling feathers, glittering rhinestones, sailing coattails and screaming fans will fill the Marriott Center this weekend as the U.S. National DanceSport Championships come to BYU today, Friday and Saturday.

These championships claim the largest audiences for any dance competition in the United States, with more than 9,000 spectators and 2,000 competitors expected to attend this year, said Claudia Hill, promotional director for BYU's ballroom dance division.

This is the fifth year BYU will host the national championships, and Lee Wakefield, chair of the Dance Department and artistic director of the Ballroom Dance Company, said BYU has committed to host the event for five more years.

But the question inevitably comes to mind.

Why Provo?

Why would this college town be the long-running site for the national championships?

Previous to being held at BYU, the DanceSport Championships were in Miami. But after moving to Provo, attendance at the championships rose markedly. The audience size grew to 6,000 spectators the first year at BYU, compared to 1,000 the year before in Miami.

Hill said this is because of the great interest and activity in ballroom dance in the area.

"Almost every high school and junior highs and a couple of elementaries have ballroom dance programs. That generates interest. I think how that started is that one school had a ballroom program and that spread to others wanting to. The children are really enjoying it and it benefits in socialization," Hill said.

BYU did what it could to help the ballroom dance programs get started in Utah public schools, but the programs seemed to build on their own, Hill said.

Elaine Grenko is a BYU alumna who teaches ballroom formation for the 9:00 back-up team at BYU. Grenko has also been a trainer with Pleasant Grove High School's ballroom program for nine years.

Grenko said the high school program has been going for 15 years, but it has grown rapidly since that time. She said when she started, there were two ballroom programs in Sandy, but they were basically the only ones in the Utah and Salt Lake Valleys.

Hill said eight high schools will be competing in the team competition this year. She said junior high and elementary schools do not have teams, but they do have competitors in the youth partner divisions.

Grenko said this year will be bigger than ever in the youth competitions.

"I think there will be over 200 couples out there competing in the youth competitions," she said.

Grenko said children in the area are beginning ballroom dance earlier in life now than they were when she started teaching at Pleasant Grove High School.

Grenko said the majority of her students at Pleasant Grove come into the program with experience, but most did not when she began teaching.

"But now, because it has become competitive and we have worked our way up to becoming national champions, there comes a level of knowledge and experience that is required for a national championship team. They see this and they see they need to know some steps and have experience," Grenko said.

Roger Wiblin, a senior from Durban, South Africa, majoring in history, is a member of the ballroom dance team and also teaches ballroom dance part time.

Wiblin said the BYU Ballroom Dance Company began in the 1960s, but the huge interest did not come until recent years. The program really took off when Lee Wakefield came to BYU in the 1980s, because Wakefield took the program to a higher level, Wiblin said.

Wiblin said even since he has been at BYU, the ballroom dance program has really blossomed.

Hill also agreed that ballroom dance is a popular experience at BYU.

"About 5,000 students per year take ballroom dance classes. We have only one full-time faculty member and six part-time members for ballroom dance," she said.

Hill also said some students come to BYU just for the ballroom program.

"We do scholarship auditions and we will be announcing scholarship applicants from across the nation wanting to come to BYU for the ballroom program," she said.

At BYU, however, not everyone comes in with ballroom experience.

Grenko said she came to BYU as a dance major, but she had never done ballroom until she came.

"My sisters did a little bit, and they came to BYU, and they kind of got me interested. And so when I came, I immediately wanted to begin. I threw myself into it, I watched the team and it was something I loved from the start," she said.

Melanie McHattie, a sophomore from Greenwood, Ind., majoring in dance, is a member of the Ballroom Dance Company and is competing in the championships this weekend.

McHattie said she had been dancing for 18 years, but just started ballroom when she came to BYU.

"I saw the first Devotional and said, 'Wow! Forget ballet!'" McHattie said.

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BYU center Jill Adams tosses the ball to guard Stacy Jensen during a game in Las Vegas. The Cougars pummeled San Diego State in their first round game.

"We just kind of folded and rolled," SDSU head coach Barb Smith said.

"We couldn't get it together at both ends."

The Cougars distributed their season-high 11 treys among six players. Cady Williams, Jill Adams, Jennifer Leitner and Jensen each had one, and Erin Thorn and Lisa Osguthorpe added four and three respectively.

Once again, the underclassmen, that have been performing like champs lately, put in their two cents with big outputs.

The Cougars were led by Thorn who had 13 points, followed by Jensen, Leitner and Osguthorpe, who added 11 points each.

SDSU was pretty confident coming into this game on a six-game winning-streak, including a big win for them against CSU.

"I thought our performance in the last half of this season would really help us today," Smith said. "We just couldn't get over the hump.

With the win, BYU increased its winning streak to six and moved on to the second round of the tournament and a match-up with No. 3 seed Colorado State.

The Rams defeated BYU both games this year, but, judging by the way they played Wednesday, BYU seems ready for the challenge.

"The fact that they beat us twice isn't making us more nervous," Jensen said.

"We're just really excited to play them."

The Cougars face Colorado State Friday at noon PST.

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U is struggling to find its groove. Some-
times the Cougars play like the 1927 New York Yankees, other times the Bad News Bears.

Coach Vance Law looks toward the MWC games with optimism, patience and expectation.

"These games set the tone for the rest of our conference season," Law said in a news release. "Our goal is to win every series."

Law also said the team is addressing the issue of game approach. Concerning the split in Cedar City, Law said the team was not ready in the game opener, and found itself battling in the following games.

The Cougars have been hitting very well. Aaron Whitley tied a school record by hitting two triples in the 13-3 victory over Southern Utah. Whitley currently leads the team with a .469 batting average. Craig Peterson is hitting .467 and Nick Day is hitting .438. The Cougars' team batting average is an outstanding .318.

UNLV has a 41-34 series edge over BYU, dating back to their first contest-a 5-0 BYU victory in Provo.

Las Vegas has been lucky for the Cougars. In their series last March, BYU took two out of three. The games will be broadcast live on KSRR-Radio (1400AM) Friday at 2 p.m. and Saturday at noon.

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How will BYU fair in Vegas at the MWC Tournament?

BY SETH LEWIS
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LAS VEGAS — In a city of chances, where letting it ride is a common attitude when it comes to conducting business, BYU guard Michael Vranes won't be taking any today.

No, he'll be staying in one place — firmly planted on the floor of the Thomas and Mack Center.

After all, that might be the only way to contain NBA-bound Lamont Long when the Cougars meet New Mexico in the first round of the Mountain West Conference Tournament (1 p.m., KSL-TV).

"I'm not going to gamble too much," Vranes said Wednesday after the Cougars ran through final preparations.

"I'm just going to stay down on my feet."

Good thinking.

Vranes knows what can happen otherwise. After all, he saw Long do it twice in the regular season, when he dizzied the flat-footed Cougars with punishing penetration in the Lobos' wins.

"He has a great pump fake," he said. "I need to stay on my feet."

And when he drives?

"He has a good middle game," Vranes said. "He can pull up and hit the 15-footer. Or he can take it to the hole."

Either way, the 6-foot-4 senior guard is dangerous, and could hurt the Cougars no matter which game he decides to excel at.

But the Cougars (18-9, 7-7) will have to stop him — or at least slow him down — if they hope to preserve their on-the-bubble postseason dreams.

"We're just trying to figure out a game plan to stop Lamont Long," forward Mekeli Wesley said.

That's where Vranes comes in.

The last time the Cougars and Lobos met, Long opened with a 19-point first half, hitting seven of 10 shots.

"We just got killed off the dribble, especially with Lamont in transition," BYU coach Steve Cleveland said. "Matt (Montague) really struggled guarding him because he would just shoot over him."

Cleveland responded by replacing the 6-foot-1 Montague with the bigger and taller Vranes in the second half.

It worked.

Sure, freshman Marlon Parmer's off-balance floater in the lane sealed the Lobos' 78-74 win in the Marriott Center, but Vranes shackled Long to nine points on three-of-11 shooting after halftime.

"I think we really clamped down in the second half," guard Terrell Lyday said.

True, but the Cougars will have to do the same tonight, only this time it will be without Silester Rivers.

OK, so the senior post man — whose BYU career ended last week after knee surgery — was erratic and, at times, invisible.

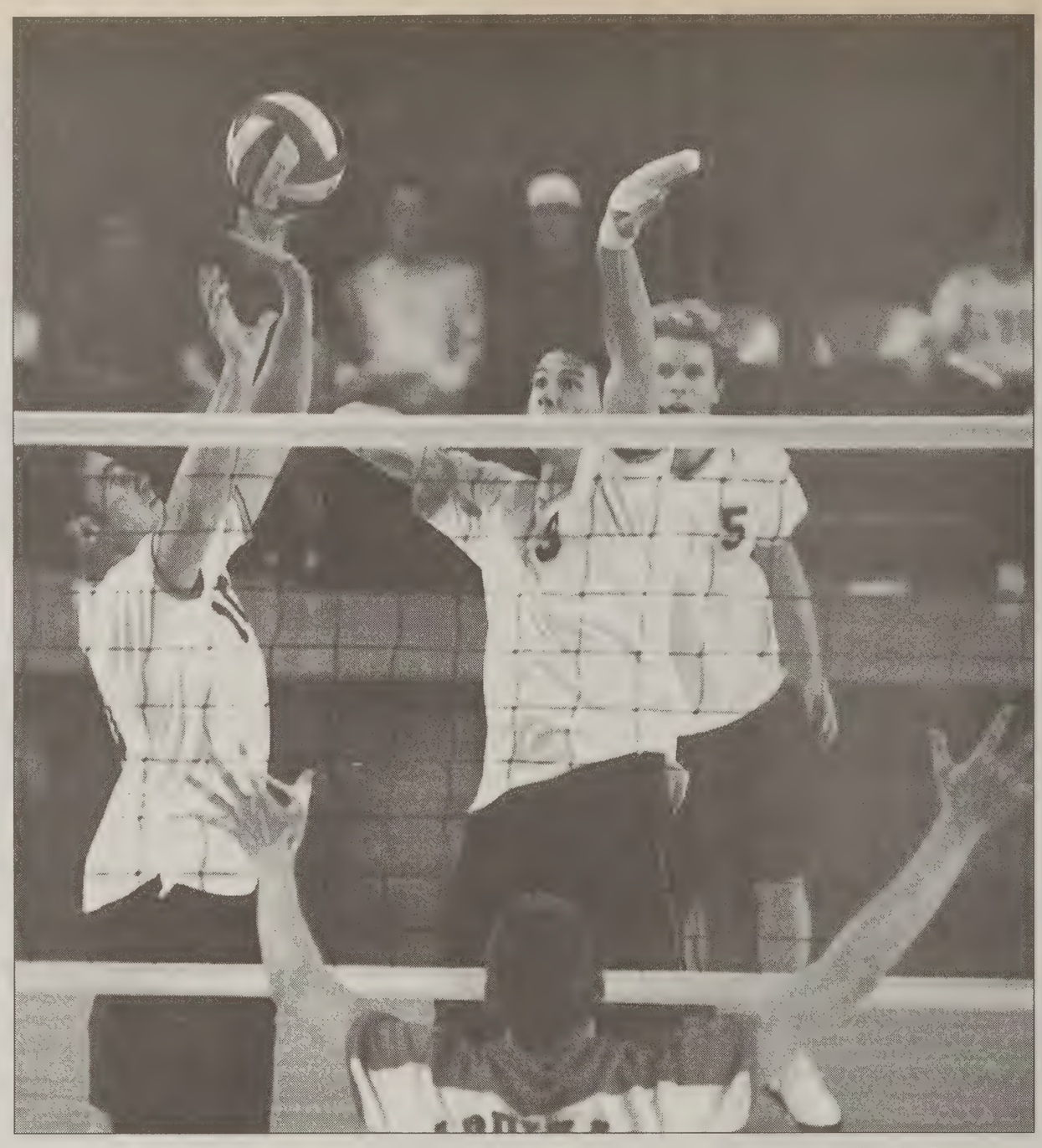
However, he held the Cougars together with a 12-point showing at The Pit when Wesley was hounded with double- and triple-team defense.

"With Silester gone, that really hurts us," Wesley said. "He brought a big body to clog the middle on defense. "That puts a lot of pressure on Eric (Nielsen) and I to not get into foul trouble."

And here's something more for pressure: A loss — even with the team's 18-win season — will likely send the Cougars out of postseason contention.

"Everybody's been talking about 18 wins as if that was some magical number," Cleveland said. "I don't find anything magical about it. If we want to go to the NIT, we have to win this game."

Otherwise, it could be a very Long day.



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Chris Pitzak sets for Mac Wilson while Casey Jennings looks on at Wednesday's match against Ball St. The Cougars earned their 39th win in a row.

BYU crush Ball S... in bittersweet wi...

By RUSS RIGGS
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The BYU men's volleyball team recorded it's 39th straight win at the Smith Fieldhouse Wednesday by knocking off 12th ranked Ball State 15-9, 15-11, 8-15, 15-13.

However, the Cougars are not pleased.

"I don't know if we're still not recovered from that tough road trip," Coach McGown said in a news release.

"I'm not sure if we think we're good and don't have to play hard, or if we're just not very good. Whatever the reason, it's disappointing for me to see the lack of effort from our players."

One would think that BYU would be pleased with beating a ranked opponent in four games, but winning a national championship raises a team's standards.

> ***"... it's disappointing for me to see the lack of effort from our players."***
> ***-- Carl McGown***
> *men's volleyball coach*

"We struggled overall. We hit a lot of balls out," libero Brad Goldston said.

"It's always great to win, but we have a long way to go still."

The Cougars battled through games one and two to pull out a couple tough victories, then Ball State came out on fire and took game three.

In game four, the Cardinals took an early 9-1 lead.

Then, behind Jaime May... high 23 kills, the Cougars... back to win the game 15-1...

"We finally got a little e... back into our game," Mc... in a news release.

"Jaime did a nice job o... things around in game fo... we started to make a run... some excitement back and ma... to win the match."

Setter Chris Pitzak led the ... with 16 digs. Mac Wilso... five blocks while Mike ... Joaquin Acosta had 22 kills...

As a team, the Cardina... BYU .326 to .299 with B... Craig Hughes recording... against the Cougars.

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"B... we're ... chang... effort, ... got a ... work ... before ... match."

BYU did not practice ... playing against Ball State, ... will continue to rest on ... and Friday.

"I hope this time off wil... focus better," middle blo... Wilson said.

"It's an attitude problem ... don't have the desire."

Tennis set to fight Irish

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The BYU men and women's tennis teams look to defend their home turf this weekend when the men host Utah State and the women host Boise State and No. 15 Notre Dame.

In order to promote more crowd support for Saturday's game against the Fighting Irish, there will be free pizza for the first 100 fans and BYU will also be giving away a racquet and a pair of shoes.

The series is tied between BYU and Notre Dame at 3-3, but the Fighting Irish beat up on the Cougars 9-0 last year.

BYU is ranked No. 39 and has two doubles teams in the national Top 25.

All three games will be held at the indoor tennis courts behind the Smith Fieldhouse.

The women play Boise State on Friday at 1 p.m. and Notre Dame Saturday at 3 p.m.

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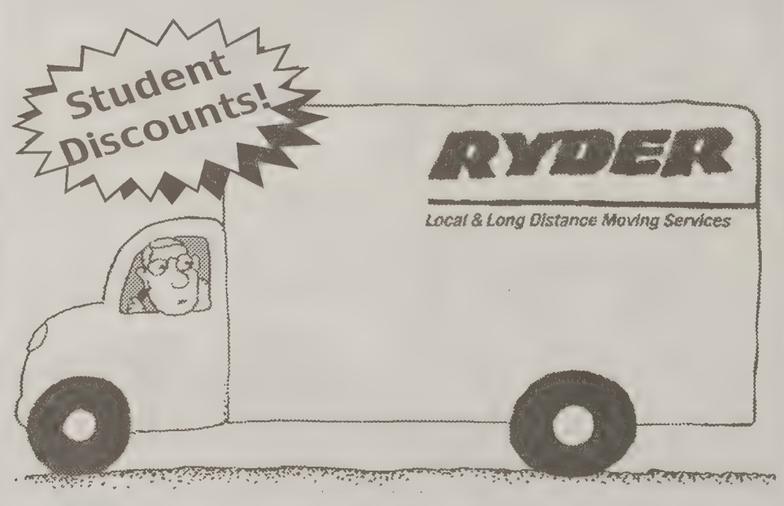

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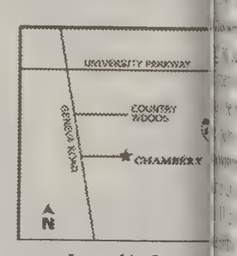

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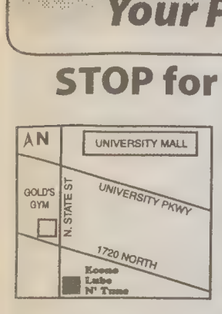

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Athletes vault to NCAA's

By DAVE WHITLEY
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They're like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Penn and Teller, peanut butter and jelly.

Alan Gulledge and Jeff Hansen are two athletes with a strong friendship and a strong drive that is carrying them to the pinnacle of collegiate athletics.

Both will compete in the NCAA Indoor Track Championships this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

The two are No. 10 and 11, respectively, in the nation in pole vault this season and are gunning to prove themselves as All-Americans.

Injury has riddled the pair throughout the latter half of the season. However, both are determined to shine, while furthering their cause to be among the best pole-vaulters in the nation.

For Hansen, the NCAA Championships will be his first competitive jumps since reinjuring his shoulder in a meet in Nebraska over a month ago.

A sore groin has plagued Gulledge recently and limited his practice jumps. But these snags have to be set aside if the guys intend to take the NCAA by strom.

"I'm used to pole vaulting with pain," Hansen said.

This is the first time a school has ever had two pole vaulters participate in nationals and both see this as a great advantage.

"We know what it takes for the other to jump well," Gulledge said.

While a coach cannot be present in the inner area of the track, the two teammates can communicate easily with each other and be a coach between jumps.

> ***"As much as physical stamina, you've got to have mental stamina out there."***
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> ***—Alan Gulledge***
> *BYU pole vaulter*

This can serve as a confidence boost and retain focus during the long wait between jumps.

"As much as physical stamina, you've got to have mental stamina out there," Gulledge said.

"It's great to have someone there to push you."

The two have been training together for over a year and know each other's individual strengths and weaknesses.

"We work out together. We do everything together," Gulledge said. "Even rehab."

Hansen, a junior, is making his second trip to the nationals, while this is the first for the senior Gulledge.

"I'd much rather see him win since this is his last chance," Hansen said.

Gulledge also holds this mutual respect for his teammate.

"I credit a lot of my success to my training partner," Gulledge said.

Many long days and late nights were required to reach this stage and now they can compete against the premiere collegiate vaulters.

"I guess that's why I'm not married yet," Gulledge said.

Any predictions about the outcome?

"Call me when it's over," Hansen said.

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st-chance" meets force athletes and coaches to miss school, find plane tickets and travel last minute and can become a real headache. After these meets, the athletes are often tired for nationals and don't perform as well according to Shane.

"I'm not in favor of them," Shane said. "These meets are illegal in outdoor track and Shane would like to see the same thing happen in indoor track.

> ***"We could challenge for top four if we have good results."***
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> ***—Patrick Shane***
> *women's track coach*

"This year BYU was hurt, next year it will be someone else," he said.

After these last meets, the NCAA committee reviews the overall numbers and only a certain number of athletes, usually 15 to 19, are allowed in each open event.

"We were cut out of about six spots where we thought we would qualify because the NCAA rearranged the number of qualifiers in several events," Poole said.

Last year there were 10 relay teams and this year 12 will compete, five qualifying last weekend.

Each distance team carries four athletes and two alternates. Adding the relay athletes cuts the number of athletes permitted in open event competition.

In last year's NCAA championships, 17 shot putters and 19 athletes in the 5,000-meter went to nationals.

This year, only 16 athletes were allowed in each of these events.

Potential point scoring BYU athletes were on this national border.

In the 3,000-meter event, Sharolyn Shields, ranked third nationally last year, was pushed one spot shy of competition, as was senior Kara Ormond in the 5,000-meter event.

Mary Hernandez and Becky Beachler were other Cougars ultimately excluded due to the current decisions.

Atlanta dealt another blow; Braves' Smoltz out for season

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — John Smoltz will miss the season because of a torn ligament in his right elbow, a jolt that shakes up the Braves' Big Three rotation and jeopardizes Atlanta's chances for a return trip to the World Series.

"It was pretty obvious," Smoltz said Wednesday, three days after lasting for only a short time in his lone exhibition outing. "The last few days have been the worst for me."

It was another startling spring setback for the NL champions, who last year lost slugger Andres Galarraga to a cancer operation and closer Kerry Ligtenberg to an elbow injury before opening day.

And this blow came just when things seemed to be settling down in camp after the arrival of John Rocker. The Braves had begun thinking about going to their ninth straight NLCS, and beyond, behind Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux.

"We felt we had all the pieces falling nicely into place," general manager John Schuerholz said.

Now, the Braves must figure out how to fill the spot the 32-year-old former Cy Young winner has held since 1988 and hold off the New York Mets in the NL East.

Bruce Chen and Terry Mulholland had been competing for the No. 5 job in the rotation, and this might give both of them the chance to start.

Steve Avery also is back on the team, hoping his shoulder heals.

"We think we have the arms in this camp to do it," Schuerholz said. "I think we have enough to win. But if an opportunity presents itself in terms of a trade, we'll listen."

Added manager Bobby Cox after an 11-7 loss to Toronto: "Our guys already have it figured out. The other pitchers, they know what they have to do."

Smoltz, on the disabled twice in 1998 and twice again in 1999 because of elbow trouble, will have surgery March 23 by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala.

The diagnosis of a torn medial collateral ligament came Tuesday night after an MRI exam.

"I've been through so much that in a weird way, this was a relief. I need to get the surgery in order to be able to pitch another good, solid, three to four years," Smoltz said.

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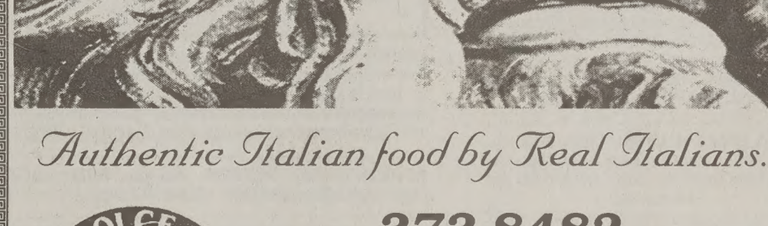

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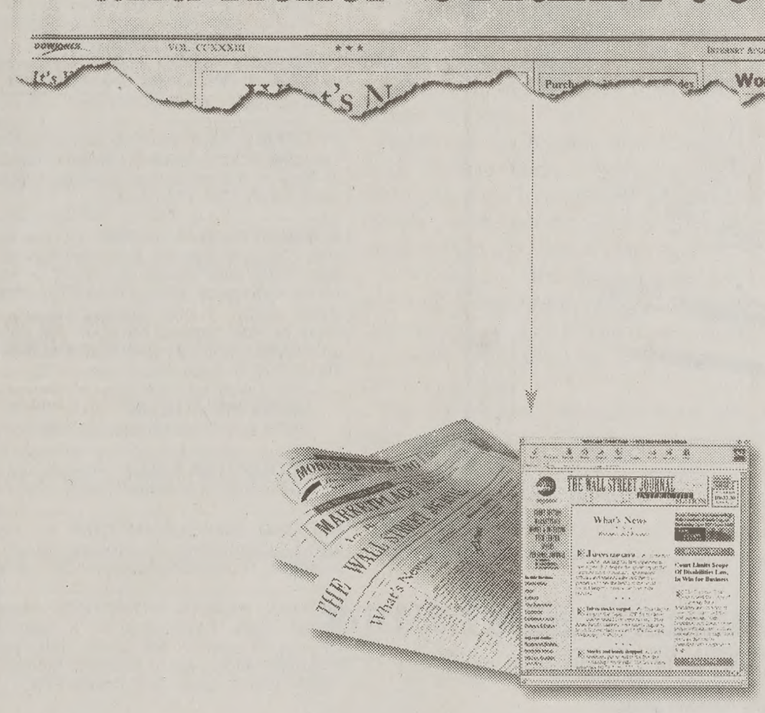

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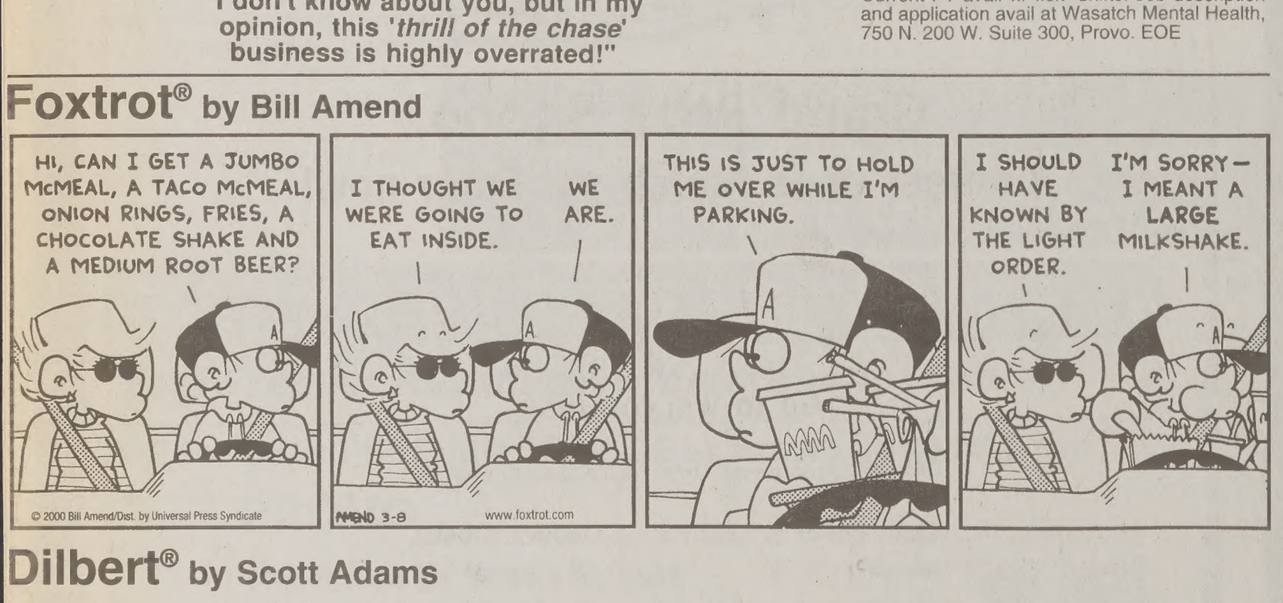
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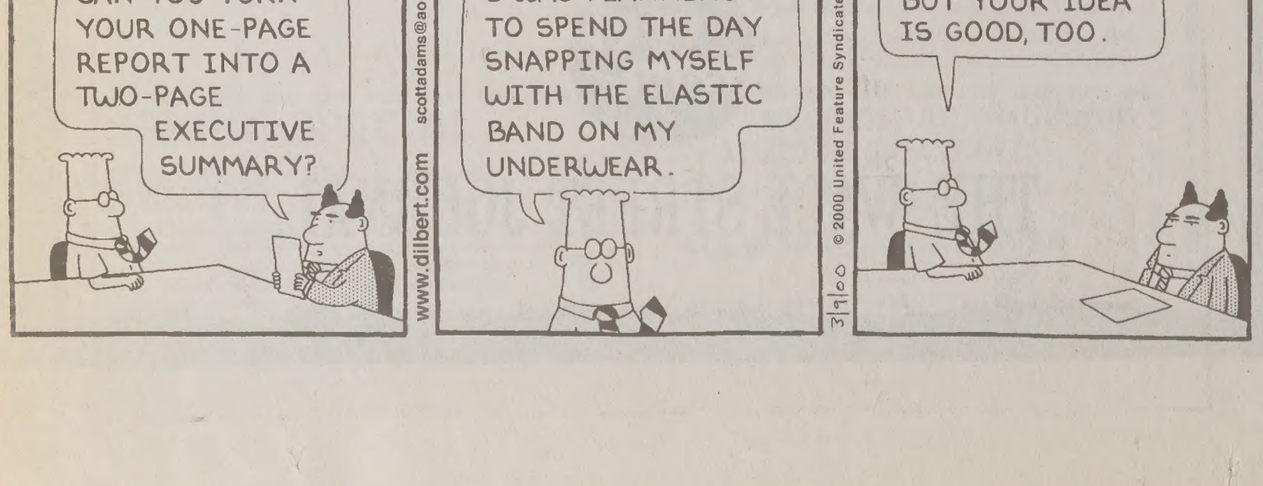
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LDS Church sends relief to flood victims in Africa

By JOSEPH LOPEZ
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After a devastating blow from fierce floodwaters, the African nations of Zimbabwe and Mozambique are receiving much needed relief from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The LDS Church is shipping 207 tons of supplies to the two flood-stricken nations in an attempt to ease suffering and help sustain life in the weeks following the disaster.

As part of the church's aid in the area, two helicopters have been chartered to assist in the evacuation efforts and deliver critical supplies to the needy.

"The helicopters are working as we speak," said Dale Bills, media relations manager for the LDS Church.

The Associated Press reported on Wednesday that the relief efforts of the U.S. military were delayed because they were waiting for the go-ahead from relief organizations.

However, Bills said that the church's efforts are already under way.

He also added that the supplies would take some time to arrive because they are sent by boat.

The supplies being shipped include clothing, food, medical supplies, family hygiene kits, powdered milk, quilts and educational supplies.

The church also plans on sending a total of 1,920,000 pounds of supplies to aid the flood victims.

"There are no reports of damage to church property. All missionaries and members are safe," Bills said.

President Gordon B. Hinckley of the LDS Church, spoke of the aid being sent to Africa and all over the world in his speech to the National Press Club on Wednesday.

He said the church's aid extends far beyond its own members, helping victims of war and natural disasters wherever they may be.

"Last year alone we sent humanitarian aid to assist with 829 projects in 101 countries, giving $11.2 million in cash and $44 million in material resources for a total $55.2 million. I would like to suggest that this is no small effort," Hinckley said.

Chinese governor executed for corrupt gains

Associated Press

BEIJING — China executed a corrupt deputy provincial governor on Wednesday, underscoring the government's determination to end pervasive graft that has eroded support for Communist Party rule.

The execution was timed to coincide with the country's most public political event, and was followed by televised images of the official's ill-gotten gains: caches of cognac, piles of U.S. and Chinese cash, gold watches, diamond rings and a golden Buddha.

Hu Changqing was put to death in southern Jiangxi province after the Supreme People's Court, ruling on his appeal, said the execution could proceed. He was the most senior official ever executed as part of China's accelerating campaign against corruption.

"For such a flagrant criminal, only the death penalty is sufficient to safeguard national law, satisfy popular indignation, rectify the party's work style and fight against corruption," the People's Daily said in an editorial broadcast on state television Wednesday.

The execution came on the fourth day of the annual session of the National People's Congress and was deliberately timed to impress the delegates. Although largely powerless, the party-dominated national legislature has routinely expressed its displeasure with the government's inability to effectively combat corruption.

Corruption has so far dominated the congress' 11-day session and overshadowed its modest agenda of approving government work reports and budgets, and passing a procedural law. Congress leaders opened the session by acknowledging that a vice chairman, Cheng Kejie, was under investigation for economic crimes.

Opening the congress Sunday, Premier Zhu Rongji promised to prosecute the corrupt no matter how powerful, but conceded government efforts have so far fallen short of public expectations.

The public wants the government to do more, Shanghai legislator Zhang Zhongli told reporters Wednesday after meeting with members of his delegation.

"The amount of money (involved in bribe-taking) is getting worse and worse," he said.

But behind the displays of party resolve, Chinese leaders are concerned about the fallout from wide-ranging scandals that have shaken the communist machines in at least three provinces and reached into the apex of power, the ruling Politburo.

A half-year investigation into billions of dollars in smuggling through the port of Xiamen has uncovered a web of pay-outs. At least 30 officials have been arrested and hundreds questioned, one party official said. Among those implicated was the wife of Beijing party secretary Jia Qinglin, a protege of President Jiang Zemin.

Worried about losing an ally in the Politburo, Jiang moved to defend Jia, ordering his wife and state media to say she had been cleared, party officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Pressed by reporters covering the congress, the party secretary of Fujian province — where Xiamen is located — said Wednesday that there had been "a big breakthrough" in the case, but more investigations were needed. "When this case has been wrapped up we will responsibly tell everybody," Chen Mingyi said.

The Communist Party rode to power in part through harsh criticism of the corruption of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government.

Party officials maintained a reputation for frugality until the rapid growth brought on by capitalist reforms made the privileges of public office tempting.

The case against Hu reached as high as the State Council, China's Cabinet, where Hu served as deputy director of the council's Religious Affairs Commission. During four years of bribe-taking that began in 1995,

Hu was convicted of accumulating $658,000 in bribes and $194,900 in property from unidentified sources.

Vegas theaters now sell movie tickets on Internet

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Standing in line for a movie could become just a memory as theaters begin testing systems that let people buy tickets over the Internet and print them out at home.

Moviefone.com, operated by AOL Moviefone Inc., began testing such a system this week in Seattle. The tickets can be bought online with a credit card and then printed with bar codes readable by scanners at the theater door.

The company already has an Internet-based ticket ordering system for the movies in several major cities. But while the tickets can be reserved online, they still must be picked up at the box office.

Six leading movie chains used this week's ShoWest convention of theater owners in Las Vegas to announce similar ventures for Internet ordering, though they won't include home printing at first. A company called Hollywood.com also plans to start a Web-based ordering system in time for the summer films.

"When Tom Cruise's `Mission: Impossible 2' opens, it's going to be very hard to get a ticket," said Hollywood.com President Laurie Silvers.

"If you want to see it opening weekend, the last thing you want is to show up and see a line around the block, knowing you're not going to get in."

Theater chains AMC and National Amusements are partners in the site, Movietickets.com., and CBS on Wednesday announced it bought 5 percent of MovieTickets.com in exchange for $25 million worth of advertising.

The six chains planning to start their own site this summer — General Cinema, Regal Cinemas, Loews, Cinemark, Edwards and Century — operate about 12,000 screens in North America, nearly a third of the industry total.

At first, the services will offer show times and let filmgoers pay for tickets online, but the tickets still would have to be picked up at the theater. The real innovation is emerging technology to allow tickets to be printed at home, which the upcoming services said they hope to add within a year.

"That's the big 'wow,"' said Lawrence Ruisi, Loews chief executive. "That's what's going to get people to push the button."

Ordering the movie tickets online will, in most cases, carry a service fee of a dollar or two, on top of the admission price, though executives say such fees eventually could be reduced or eliminated as the sites gain advertising revenue.

Public opinion split on abstinence bill

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The bill that would remove sex from sex education waits for Gov. Mike Leavitt's signature, but discussion continues among educators.

House Bill 411 would prohibit teachers in public schools from talking about anything but abstinence from sex before marriage and fidelity after marriage. Under the bill, teachers can no longer lead discussions of ways to prevent sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy other than abstinence.

"Teaching safe sex is a dumb idea," said Rep. Bill Wright, sponsor of the bill, in a news release.

"There are no failures with abstinence," he said.

However, abstinence does have a high failure rate, simply because teenagers don't practice it, said Jan Hawke, chair of the Health Department at Pleasant Grove High School.

Abstinence and monogamy are stressed, Hawke said, but teachers are talking to a wide audience that includes students who are already sexually active.

The only time contraceptives are discussed in classrooms now is in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, she said. In order for students to attend these discussions, parents must sign a permission slip.

But under the bill, abstinence will be the only prevention of sexually transmitted diseases that can be taught.

Teacher Joan Smith said she values her job, but she values the health of the students more. She said she hopes the governor does not sign the bill.

"The bill goes one step too far," Smith said.

She said two of her students died of AIDS because they did not have the knowledge or support the public school system should have given them.

"If (the Legislature) cares for the lives of our children, they have got to let us teach," she said.

She said there is more abstinence here than in other places, but lack of knowledge is not a way to teach.

"If our kids are going to be free of the evils in this world, they have to be given the knowledge and tools to live by," she said.

It is the responsibility of parents to address these issues, said Robert Davis, parent and vice president of the PTA legislature at Cascade Elementary.

Davis said he is in favor of the bill, but has some concerns. If the parents do not teach their children, someone must, he said.

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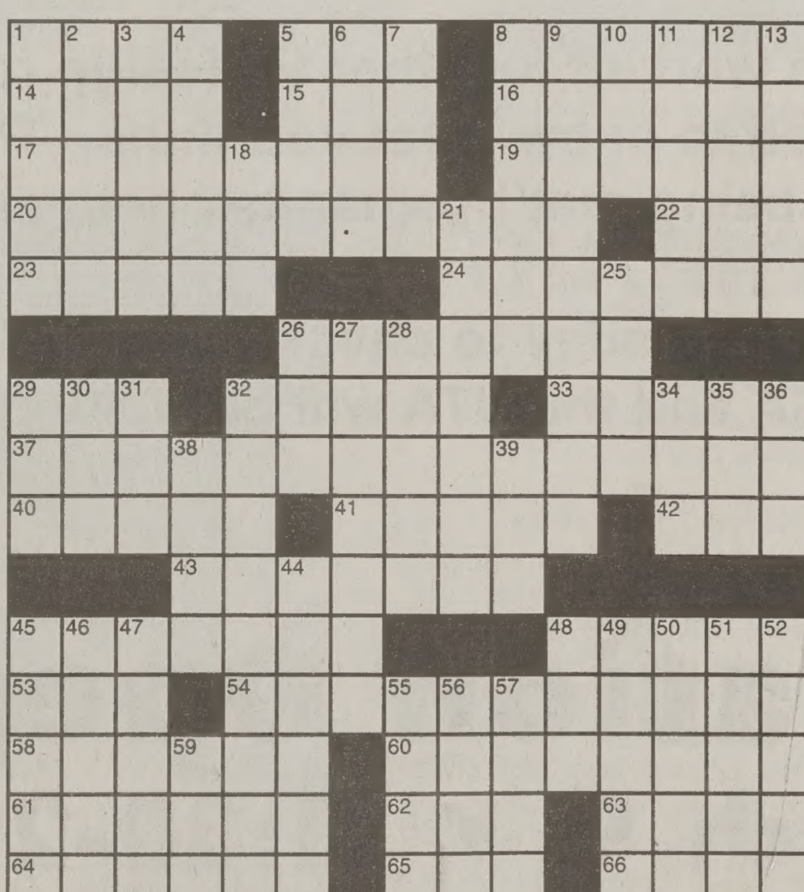
37 One of the Seven Wonders of the World
40 Colonial territory now reunited with China
41 Honors
42 Second letter addendum
43 Made a cocoon
45 Like fish sticks
48 Kind of ray
53 Above, poetically
54 Bullies
58 The W's in LLWWWWWL
60 Request for clarification
61 Words intended to instill fear
62 Lansing-to-Detroit dir.
63 Big name in oil
64 Let a slip pass
65 Co. that makes 29-Downs
66 Wistful sort

DOWN

1 Bing Crosby's record label
2 Auto option
3 Jazz genre
4 Glower
5 One of the Pillars of Islam
6 Coconut palm site, maybe
7 Warp
8 Drill sergeant's order
9 Pushes forward again
10 "___ questions?"
11 Pet item
12 Kitchen gadget
13 Big-selling 1920's car
18 Together
21 Dubai, e.g.
25 Family map
26 1950's-70's pitcher Drabowsky
27 Green shade
28 Bring new supplies
29 Place to enter a PIN
30 Grazing spot
31 Jeep maker, once: Abbr.
32 Matter of interest for a pilot
34 Person in a mask
35 Tweak
36 Formula 1 maneuver
38 Role model for a lad
39 One end of the visible spectrum
44 Brightened, with "up"
45 Particle physics subject
46 Fashionably old-fashioned
47 Was at fault
48 "No ___!" (Spanish cry)
49 Petal extract
50 Kind of jacket
51 Hint
52 Mary of "Don Juan," 1926
55 "Say ___"
56 Pear type
57 It has a big mouth
59 Round Table time



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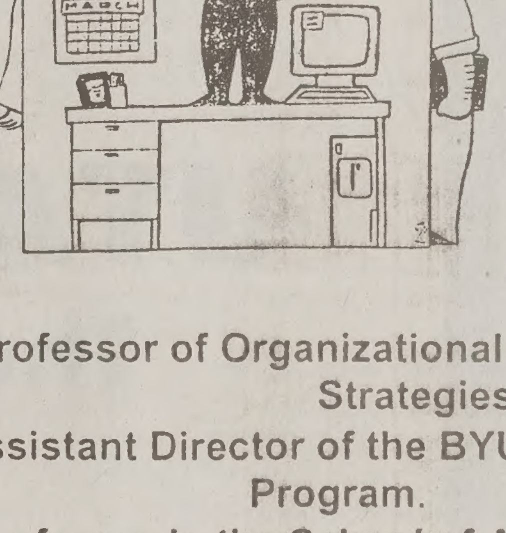

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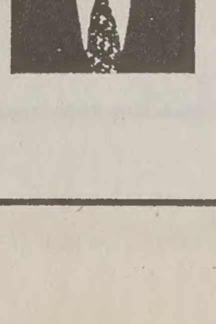

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Palestinians, Israelis make concessions for peace

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Gritting their teeth, Palestinians and Israelis ended a crisis in the peace process Wednesday by each conceding what had been a cardinal "no": Israelis allowed greater U.S. involvement, and Palestinians accepted territory not abutting Jerusalem.

In a telling sign of the renewed U.S. role, it was President Clinton's top envoy, Dennis Ross, who announced the resumption of peace talks, flanked by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Ross, who said the peace talks would resume in Washington after the four-day Muslim Eid al-Adha holiday beginning March 16, said the sides are committed to "work in the spirit of partnership and mutual confidence."

The accelerated pace — aiming for the outline of a permanent agreement by May, and for a full-fledged deal by Sept. 13 — was nonetheless fraught with issues that could sideline an agreement.

The sides are far apart on the status of Jerusalem, the future of Jewish settlements and the status of Palestinian refugees.

Still, the seriousness each side attached to renewing the talks was underscored by their major reversals.

Arafat had suspended the talks early last month over an interim Israeli troop withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank.

The Palestinians wanted the withdrawal to include three West Bank suburbs that abutted Jerusalem, a pullback that would enhance his stake in the disputed city. Israel resisted, offering the Palestinians unpopulated patches of land. Arafat said if he could not trust the Israelis on relatively minor matters, there was no way he could work with them on the major issues.

Under U.S. pressure, Arafat backed down. Palestinian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Barak has handed Arafat a map featuring 10 percent of the West Bank, out of which Arafat could choose the 6.1 percent he wanted.

Mayors propose rail system

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Mayors along the Wasatch Front want commuters to replace cars with trains, but first they must persuade residents to take the necessary financial hit.

The group of mayors who support the construction of a commuter rail that would run from Provo to Ogden plan to meet on March 24 in Salt Lake City to persuade city and community leaders that the rail system is worth a quarter-cent sales tax increase.

"I think anything that would relieve the congestion on our highways would be good," said Lehi Mayor Ken Greenwood. "Even if you could have the traffic stay the same it would be a major win."

Ogden Mayor Matthew Godfrey, the unofficial leader of the group of mayors, said because of state laws the Utah Transit Authority is the only possible source of funding.

The mayors propose to increase the current UTA transit tax from .25 cents to .50 cents.

The transit tax is the portion of sales tax that goes to UTA. The center is expected to cost more than $200 million, although the federal government will cover 80 percent of the cost, Godfrey said.

According to a document released by the Utah Transit Authority, several of Utah's government transportation planning authorities, including The Mountainland Association of Governments in Orem, "have studied (the commuter rail's) potential and are currently evaluating its ability to serve the travel demand in the region."

UTA spokesperson Coralie Alder said this study, called the Inter-Regional Corridor Study, will continue until December.

Alder said the commuter trains would be diesel-powered and make stops at 5- to 10-mile intervals. This would allow the trains to reach speeds of up to 80 or 90 miles per hour, she said.

In contrast, TRAX, the light rail system in Salt Lake City, is electrically powered and makes stops at a maximum of one-mile intervals.

Orem Mayor Jerry Washburn said the general consensus among the mayors is that the rail system should be built sooner rather than later.

"Salt Lake Mayor Rocky Anderson suggested that there be a mayor's task force to evaluate the feasibility of this system," he said. "Anything that will ease the highway burdens and ease pollution is good."

Washburn said the success of TRAX has provided the mayors with a sense of urgency to construct the commuter rail system.

"We look at the Salt Lake experience with some optimism and anticipate some of the same positive things will happen with this system," he said.

Meanwhile, Utah government leaders will negotiate with Union Pacific for access to its tracks.

"The real complexity of the issue is getting the right of way," Godfrey said.

In conjunction with the proposed system, cities such as Ogden, Provo and Orem are planning intermodal transportation centers, where buses and cars will feed into the rail system.

In January, Kevin Callahan, Provo assistant director of Community Development, told the Provo Municipal Council an intermodal center would ease the traffic flow in Provo.

"As the success of TRAX has shown, people are willing to take alternative modes of transportation," he said. "An intermodal transportation center would get rail service, bus service, taxi service and shuttle service and create more fluidity."

Callahan said the most likely location for the center, which is still in long-term planning, is the present Amtrak station.

Godfrey said Ogden plans to begin construction on its intermodal center this year.

At least 10 illegal migrants in boat crash near Puerto

Associated Press

ISABELA, Puerto Rico — A wooden boat jammed with illegal migrants from the Dominican Republic smashed apart in heavy surf within sight of Puerto Rico on Wednesday, killing at least 10 people and leaving dozens missing.

An estimated 70 people on the boat undertook the voyage just as thousands of other Dominicans before them, attempting the dangerous 75-mile crossing in hopes of higher wages and better lives. But survivor Laura Pichardo Garcia said the sea on Wednesday was too rough.

"When we reached the coast, a wave came over us and swept the boat around after one of the women fell into the water," said Pichardo, who was in U.S. Border Patrol custody. Shoes, purses and boat debris littered the beach.

Survivors told authorities that the crew had dropped anchor to rescue the woman when the waves dashed it apart.

U.S. Coast Guard and police helicopters searched for victims in the swift Atlantic Ocean curr... northwest town of Isabel... ies were recovered, said ... spokesman for the U.S. I... and Naturalization Service.

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